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Bush warns Saddam on nuclear arms

America and Iraq on collision course after UN team is held hostage in Baghdad

Bush: "There will be no compromise" with Iraq

From JAMES BONE AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN NEW YORK

AMERICA and Iraq were again on a collision course last night after President Bush told the UN General Assembly that Saddam Hussein was rebuilding his weapons of mass destruction. He said that there would be no compromise with Baghdad.

Economic sanctions must remain as long as Saddam was in power, Mr Bush said, though he stopped short of issuing an ultimatum for Iraq to comply with UN demands or face renewed American-led military action.

A United Nations inspection team in Baghdad had earlier handed Mr Bush the "smoking gun" of Iraq's secret nuclear weapons programme when they uncovered documents thought to reveal Saddam's plans. In another challenge to the UN, the team was held hostage for ten hours, and several car-loads of documents were reportedly seized before they were freed.

The security council met yesterday to debate Baghdad's continuing refusal to allow UN inspectors unrestricted use of their own helicopters. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, delivered a stern warning that the security council would not tolerate Iraq's failure to comply with UN resolutions.

The 42 UN inspectors held hostage by Iraq were members of the sixth UN team to visit Iraq. They carried out a spot check on a building in central Baghdad, just across from the al-Rashid hotel, at 6am Baghdad time.

According to a UN statement, the inspectors found a "substantial amount of documentation related to Iraq's nuclear activities, inter alia Iraq's fissile nuclear programme, and to nuclear weapons". Although the UN has uncovered Iraqi attempts to enrich uranium, the documents are the first hard evidence that Iraq is trying to build nuclear weapons.

Cable News Network reported from Baghdad that Iraqi authorities had seized three carloads of documents before releasing the UN inspectors.

Britain, France and the United States have been discussing the possibility of flying armed escorts for UN inspection helicopters if Iraq continues to impose conditions on their use. A new showdown could come as early as Thursday, when UN inspectors are expected to want to use the three German helicopters provided for their use.

Mr Hurd warned Iraq yesterday that Britain stood squarely alongside the United States in its determination to force Iraq to allow unrestricted UN flights. Asked about the possibility of Britain joining the United States in flying armed escorts for UN inspection helicopters, he said: "I am not now spelling out the how and the when."

Mr Bush, in a 23-minute speech, told the general assembly: "Six months after the passage of UN Security Council resolutions 687 and 688, Saddam continues to rebuild his weapons of mass destruction and subject the Israeli people to brutal repression.

"Saddam's contempt for UN resolutions was first demonstrated back in August of 1990 and it continues even as I am speaking." The latest acts of defiance showed that "we can't compromise for a moment in seeing that Iraq destroys all of its weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them, and we will not compromise".

Mr Bush also appealed for the UN to reverse a 16-year-old resolution that equates Zionism, the core ideology of modern Israel, with racism and racial discrimination.

The appeal was seen as an effort by Mr Bush to take some of the heat off him for his campaign to persuade Congress to delay a debate for four months on Israel's request for $10 billion (£5.8 billion) in loan guarantees to help it absorb Soviet Jewish emigrants.

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Saddam: delivered a new challenge to the UN

Moment of peace: taking advantage of the fragile ceasefire, a soldier of the Yugoslav army relaxes with his kitten in the Marshal Tito barracks in Zagreb where federal troops have been besieged by Croat irregulars for more than two weeks

Top pay rises delayed until after election

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BIG pay rises for more than 2,000 judges, senior civil servants and military officers are to be delayed until next summer to try to avoid an embarrassing dispute for the government in the run-up to the general election.

Increases recommended by the Top Salaries Review Body and to be approved by the new government next July or August will be backdated to April 1 next year.

The rises are expected to close the widening gap between top people's pay in the public and private sectors. There is concern on the review body that the recommendations could fuel a repetition of the political infighting over large pay rises for the heads of former nationalised industries. An early announcement could also threaten the government's pre-election efforts to hold down public sector pay settlements.

Whitehall sources disclosed yesterday that John Major had agreed to a request from Sir David Nickson, chairman of the salaries review body, for the government to defer approval of its next report from the usual time of January until next summer.

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said Mr Major had nothing to gain by postponing every difficult decision until after the election. "He ought to take the decision now. He constantly calls for moderation by the lowest paid. He should have the courage to impose the same rule on the government's top salary earners."

Whitehall sources insisted that the initiative came from the salaries review body, which is carrying out a "fundamental review" of the salaries of the three groups after voicing concern that they have increasingly lost ground with those in the private sector.

In his letter to Mr Major earlier this month, which was released yesterday, Sir David wrote: "It seems to us that it would be desirable for our fundmental review, and the government's subsequent decisions on it, to be timed so far as possible to avoid the sensitive period prior to a general election; this would in our opinion best serve the public interest."

The three unions representing the 670 civil servants covered by the awards reacted cautiously, noting that the very purpose of the review body was to take politics out of pay decisions, yet politics was leading to a delay in the review.

The First Division Association and the National Union of Civil and Public Servants said: "There is always a tendency to use the pay of senior civil servants as a political football, in which the public interest and justice to individuals is lost. If this deferral leads to a less politicised decision over pay than some recent settlements seem to reflect we welcome it."

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Mellor's cash plea leaked

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TAXATION or government borrowing will have to rise sharply next year if ministers do not rein in their spending bids, David Mellor, Treasury chief secretary, has warned his cabinet colleagues.

They have been told to hold public sector pay rises to about 4.5 per cent in the coming wage round and to impose an even tighter squeeze over the next two years. Mr Mellor also rebukes his colleagues for ignoring cabinet decisions and putting in bids for extra spending far above the amount available in the contingency reserve.

The grim background to Whitehall's annual cash battle is sketched out by Mr Mellor in a letter leaked yesterday by Labour.

The City is predicting a big overshoot on this year's forecast of a public sector borrowing requirement of £8 billion; the rapid rise in unemployment is placing further strains on the nation's finances by pushing up state benefits.

The chief secretary's letter highlights the intense pressures on the Treasury as it struggles to balance the books. He warns his colleagues that the unavoidable increases in demand-led social security payments and the cost of holding down poll tax bills

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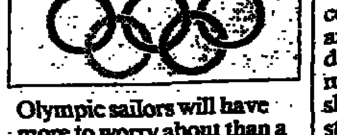

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UK wants Yugoslav arms ban

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN asked the United Nations Security Council yesterday to impose a mandatory arms embargo on Yugoslavia, as a fragile ceasefire restored relative calm to the country despite sporadic and, in places, heavy skirmishes in Croatia.

The proposal for Iraq-style sanctions were contained in a draft resolution presented to the security council by Britain, France and Belgium, the body's three European members. Diplomats said the draft was likely to be voted into international law by a foreign ministers' meeting of the security council later this week. The text cites chapter VII of the UN charter, the wide-ranging enforcement provisions used with such devastating effect against Iraq.

It declares that the security council "decides on a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia and requests that all states take the necessary mea-

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Boxer's long fight back after surgery

*As Michael Watson fights for his life in intensive care after Saturday night's boxing match, Roy Douglas details for **Michael Horsnell** his own struggle to recover from serious brain injury*

THE headache after the fight hurt like a kick from a mule, and that was all Rod Douglas felt when the referee stopped his British middleweight title contest against Herol Graham in the ninth round at Wembley on October 25, 1989.

The next thing he remembers was similar to climbing out of a dark hole two weeks later in intensive care at the London Hospital, where neurosurgeons had carried out an emergency operation to remove a blood clot on his brain.

Douglas, now aged 26, fell over when he tried to get out of bed and during the long months that followed he underwent a painful kind of rebirth as his battered brain learned again what was needed to talk, recall the things someone had told him only two minutes earlier, and walk in a straight line.

Michael Watson, the good friend of ten years' standing with whom he used to train at the New Enterprise gym in Tottenham, is now fighting for his life. He will find Douglas an indispensable crutch when he learns to live again outside boxing.

Douglas, who represented Britain in the Los Angeles Olympics before turning professional, thanks his wife Sue for having saved his life by insisting that he should go to hospital rather than to sleep, which was all he wanted to do when he staggered back to their home in Bow, east London.

Yesterday, surrounded by boxing memorabilia and the couple's three childen, TJ, seven, RJ, four, and Tyson, three, Douglas recalled collapsing on his way to hospital and described what awaits Watson when he learns he will never box again. He defended the sport and the British Boxing Board of Control, but called

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MPs 'were Militant members'

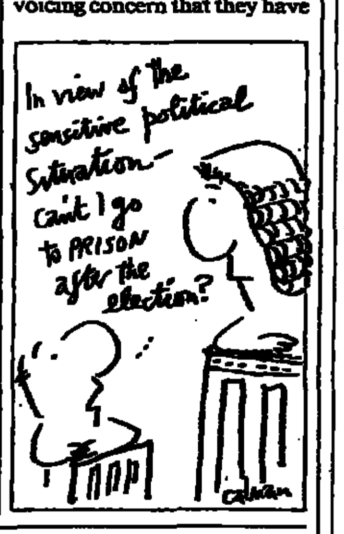
By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO Labour MPs face suspension from the party tomorrow after an internal investigation showed "substantial evidence" of their membership of the Militant tendency.

David Nellist, MP for Coventry South East, and Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool, Broadgreen, will be dropped as the party's candidates at the general election and eventually expelled.

Mr Fields and Mr Nellist have been summoned to tomorrow's meeting of Labour's national executive to put their case. Mr Fields will not be there, as he is on holiday. The two MPs are expected to be suspended pending the framing of formal charges to be heard by the party's national constitutional committee.

They have been MPs since 1983. Their suspension will be seen as the culmination of Neil Kinnock's struggle to rid Labour of Militant, which is expected to be one of the themes of tomorrow night's party political broadcast highlighting the achievements of the Labour leader.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Gummer guided through land of empty shelves

From CHARLES BREMNER IN MOSCOW

IN THE old days, whatever a foreign dignitary visited, factory or collective farm, it was certain to be a spruced-up model, complete with fresh paint and smiling workers.

Yesterday, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, got a taste of what might be called the reverse Potemkin village. In the interests of convincing him just how dire are the straits of the Moscow food supply, they took him on a tour of premises so awful that some on his pinstriped team wondered if it was a set-up.

"It's staggering, isn't it . . . I mean, there's nothing going on at all," Mr Gummer mused as he marched through the cavernous halls of the Moskvoretsoe warehouse, a sprawling complex in the industrial wasteland of southwest Moscow which, he was told, is the city's biggest distribution centre for fruit and vegetables. Mr Gummer and a group of British grocery chiefs were there to assess the food system and find ways to help.

Nothing could have better demonstrated the task facing Vladimir Karnaukhov, head of the city's emergency food commission, who took Mr Gummer on the guided tour after breakfast and a meeting in the town hall with Yuri Luzhkov, national food supply minister.

In a scene that seemed to have sprung from one of those grim Russian "sci-fi" films, a few crates of cabbages and carrots languished in otherwise empty space. A cat scampered past an old man shovelling potatoes off the indoor railway siding. It was almost as if he had been stationed there to demonstrate how Russia loses its crops in transit.

Alongside, a bevy of babushkas, bundled up for the cold, swept the floor of mainly unstocked cold chambers. Otherwise, nobody seemed to be moving. Yet, according to the workers, food for a million Muscovites is shipped from the centre to state stores, where it is sold at subsidised prices. But despite the harvest season, the shops are largely empty. That leaves only the free markets, places where prices are well out of the reach of most Russians.

Mr Gummer did his bit for the home audience. This mess is what happens when you have only one customer and one supplier, he said, his red polka-dot tie blazing in the gloom. "The whole point of the capitalist system is choice." "Who is he and what is he saying?" asked a young woman worker. "He is an English bigwig who has come to help us", her colleague replied with a shrug.

Mr Gummer, who took his impressions of Soviet need straight to an EC meeting in Brussels last night, said he was worried that there could be a severe food shortage in Russia this winter. It was essential not just to send money, but also to improve the distribution system, he said.

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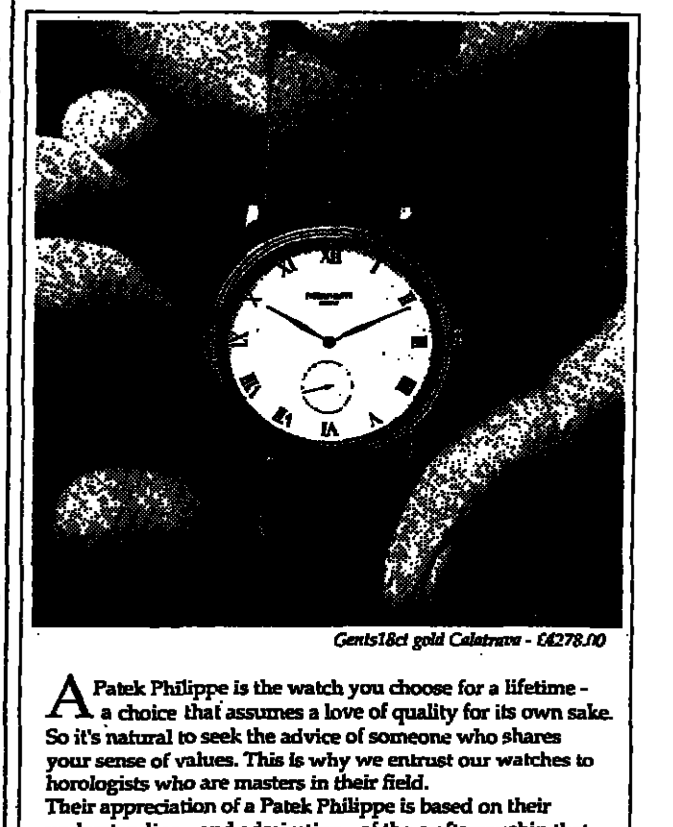

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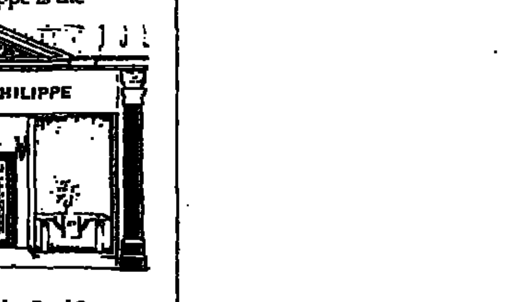

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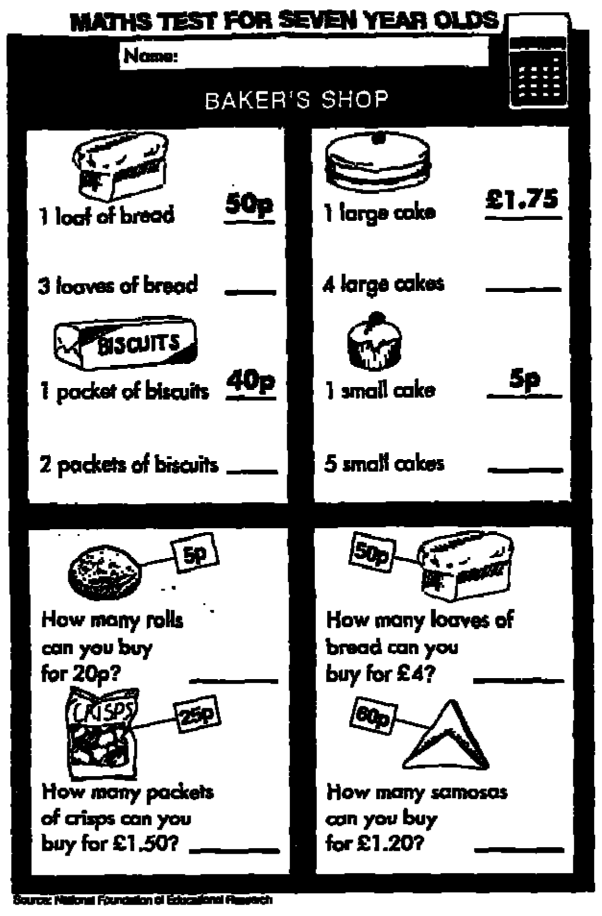
Clarke goes back to basics to reduce burden on teachers

Pencil and paper testing of basic skills for seven-year-olds has made a comeback, reports **David Tytler**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3 loaves of bread
BISCUITS
1 packet of biscuits 40p
2 packets of biscuits
1 large cake £1.75
4 large cakes
1 small cake 5p
5 small cakes
5p
How many rolls can you buy for 20p?
CRISPS
25p
How many packets of crisps can you buy for £1.50?
50p
How many loaves of bread can you buy for £4?
60p
How many samosas can you buy for £1.20?

Source: National Foundation of Educational Research

SPELLING tests for seven-year-olds linked with more stringent testing of brighter children were announced yesterday after two years of criticism of over-complicated compulsory national curriculum tests in primary schools.

The new tests would rely heavily on written answers and concentrate on reading, writing and arithmetic and some basic science, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said. "If you don't teach that and help teachers to have an accurate record of a child's progress, you will damage them as they progress through school and into their adult life."

Mr Clarke said that he hoped local authorities would publish the results of the streamlined tests for each school, and was checking whether he had the power to force them to do so. The public interest in information comparing school examination results was "almost insatiable", he said.

This year's 90 standard assessment tasks at the key stage one of the national curriculum in England and Wales included eight paper and pencil tests. Next year's 90 tasks will have 40 national written tests. Nearly half of the new schedule could be undertaken by large groups of children, sometimes a class at a time, Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, the new chairman of the School Examinations and Assessment Council, said.

Each test would take between 20 and 30 minutes and he estimated that in total they would take no more than 30 hours of teaching time. Some classes could complete them in between ten and twelve hours. The average time this year, when 650,000 seven-year-olds were tested, was 44 hours, with schools reporting a range from 20 to 80 hours.

Mr Clarke said that the new tests, prepared by the National Foundation of Educational Research, would reduce substantially the burden on teachers, and followed close consultation with teachers. "I have no doubt that these new streamlined tests will be of great value in raising standards and providing hard and reliable information for parents about their children's achievements," he said.

The original tests stopped at level three in the national curriculum with the average child being expected to achieve level two. Many educationists had complained that the brightest children were capable of more so next year's tests will continue to level four, with teachers encouraged to put their children into the highest possible grade they think can be achieved rather than take them steadily through the different levels.

Teachers had also complained that the level two reading test covered too broad a range. Next year it will be graded from A to E. Children would be asked to read a passage aloud to a teacher from one of the set books and then be asked to define 25 words taken from the text.

The new tests have dropped the requirement for a pupil to listen to a teacher read out a passage and then answer questions because it provided little useful extra information. An optional 30-minute written national comprehension test would be available for schools with a spelling test for the more able children. Mr Clarke said that many schools were already using similar papers. The arithmetic paper would concentrate on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, algebra and measures. Only one aspect of science — earth and the atmosphere or types and uses of materials — would be tested. The time-consuming tests in mathematics and science, using dice and discovering which materials sank or floated, which caused some classroom disruption this year, are to be abandoned.

Mr Clarke rejected claims by the teacher unions that this year's tests had upset children and had told teachers nothing new about their pupils. "On balance, the teachers made favourable comments about this year's tests and many pupils found the tests enjoyable. The tests also told teachers a lot that was new about their pupils — usually that they could do more than teachers thought," he said.

The new tests would reach teachers in December, three months earlier than last year, and would be taken over a period of 13 weeks starting from half-term in the Easter term, rather than the six weeks allowed this year. Teachers would also have time to complete their own assessments not covered by the national tests.

Jack Straw, Labour's frontbench education spokesman, said: "Only education ministers and a cabinet who boycott state schools for the education of their own children could have secured such a level of incompetence and confusion as this government have in relation to seven-year-old testing. Given their track record, there is no guarantee that they have got things right this time."

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the new tests were a "slimmed-down version of last year's disaster".

The Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association has given a cautious welcome to the new tests, saying that they would be easier to administer. "But whether it will be better for children's education depends very much on the shape of the tests and if the government takes into account the problem of children who cannot read or write properly at the age of seven," Gillian Wood, assistant general secretary, said.

According to Charles Knight, of Hodder and Stoughton's education division, a spelling test for bright seven-year-olds might include the following words: rabbit, queen, ground, month, change, marble, picture, learn, final, argue, puzzle, balance, calm, question, quarter, heart and crocodile.

Confident Lamont hails revival of industrial sector

By Robin Oakley, political editor

THE recession is coming to an end, the economy is on the right track and government forecasts of a recovery in the second half of the year will be fully vindicated, Norman Lamont said last night.

In his most glowingly optimistic speech yet, the Chancellor of the Exchequer produced a battery of statistics that might well have been seen as sufficient to launch a November election campaign, had recent opinion polls offered the prime minister greater encouragement.

At a dinner in Edinburgh, Mr Lamont said that "with manufacturing output rising in both June and July, the indications are that the recession in manufacturing may well be over".

He said that productivity usually fell in a recession but in the three months to July it had risen by 2.3 per cent. "This evidence suggests that the British economy is now far more flexible and adaptable and therefore able to respond to difficult economic conditions more quickly and effectively." He added: "This bodes very well for our future competitiveness, and hence for output and jobs."

Mr Lamont's other good tidings were that:

- The balance of trade was in surplus in the last three months for the first time since 1982, with the current account deficit over the past year down from £3.6 billion to £850 million.
- Earlier estimates that manufacturing investment this year would fall 21 per cent had now been revised upwards to a fall of only 6 per cent.
- The fall in non-oil Gross Domestic Product had been only 0.25 per cent in the second quarter, compared with a full 1 per cent in the previous two quarters.
- Average earnings growth had fallen for seven successive months and at 7.5 per cent was the lowest since 1967.
- Over the past year, car exports had risen by 47 per cent. There was every prospect that Britain would be running a surplus in cars by the mid-1990s, compared with a deficit of £5 billion in 1989.

The Chancellor, clearly cheered by the gathering accretion of indicators to support his repeated predictions, said: "It is increasingly clear that the economy is on the right track, that the recession is coming to an end and that our forecast of a recovery in the second half of the year will be fully vindicated."

Earlier, the changed message from the opinion polls brought no slackening of the pre-election phoney war. Labour produced its health service "action plan" for the first 100days of a Labour government and the Conservatives fielded three ministers to attack Labour's continued commitment to the renationalisation of the water industries, BT and the National Grid.

Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, listed 39 steps in the plan "to take the NHS back from the brink of privatisation". He said: "The first priority is to cleanse the NHS of the commercial pressures created by the Conservatives. On Day One we will halt opting out by hospitals in the second and third waves and keep them as part of a health authority that answers to local people whom it serves. In our first week we will instruct hospitals to scrap all two-tier deals on waiting lists and admit all patients in order of medical need."

He said that Labour would set a target date by which health authorities must reduce cancelled operations to below one in 20 of all bookings, remove the "gagging" clauses imposed by some health authorities and trusts to stop medical staff speaking out in public, and set up an enquiry into whether there is a link between length of waiting lists and the amount of private practice.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said on radio that fears whipped up by Labour that the NHS would be privatised were "groundless". Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, said the £10.5 billion required for Labour's renationalisation pledges was "a huge price to pay for socialism's last gasp".

David Trippier, the environment minister, said Labour's policies would be a "threat to investment in cleaner water". He added: "Thanks to privatisation, the water industry will be investing £28 billion over the next ten years in cleaner water."

- An opinion poll in today's *Daily Express* by Numbers Market Research has Labour at 41 per cent, Conservatives 39 per cent, Liberal Democrats 15 per cent.

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Real men eat red meat, not quiche

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

ALARMED by the advance of quiche and muesli, the Meat and Livestock Commission is hitting back with advertisements linking meat eating with a healthy, youthful lifestyle.

Under the slogan "M eat to Live", the commission will spend £1 million in the next three months on poster and newspaper advertisements to urge people to stock up with good, red meat.

The advertisements say that a lean steak contains half as much fat as a slice of quiche of the same weight, as well as providing a third of the recommended daily intake of iron. They also say that lean pork carries as few calories as skinless chicken. "If you want to eat healthily, eating lean meat makes very good sense," the advertisements say.

Aimed particularly at the under 30s, where anti-meat sentiment is thought to be strongest, the campaign has pictures of athletic young men splashing in the sea, playing volleyball, or standing on one hand on the beach. The underlying message is clear, if unoriginal: "You, too, can have a body like mine."

The Coronary Prevention Group, the elite corps of the healthy eating brigade, regards the advertisements with reluctant admiration. Mike Rayner, senior research officer, said: "They are quite clever. It is difficult to fault the actual words they use, but I'm worried about the image linking meat and a healthy lifestyle. We want people to eat less meat, not more."

In July the health department launched new dietary advice, calling for a cut in total fat as a proportion of food energy from around 39 per cent to 35 per cent, and saturated fats from 16 per cent to 11 per cent. Dairy produce and meat are the main sources of saturated fats.

The Meat and Livestock Commission said that the campaign had been planned with nutritionists who were fully informed about the value of meat. The statistics purporting to link meat consumption with heart disease did not hold water, the commission said.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Facing the music: *Jesus Christ Superstar* being performed in traditional Japanese style at the Dominion theatre, London, by the Shiki company as part of the Japan Festival

Top salaries

Privatised jobs close pay gap

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

JUST three months after the privatisation of Scottish Hydro-Electric, Sir Michael Joughin, part-time chairman for the past eight years, has had his salary tripled to £150,000. His chief executive, Roger Young, has had his pay doubled to £175,000.

Large pay rises in newly privatised companies are not a novelty, but attention has been focused on them by the growing gap between top public and private sector pay, and by the number of companies sold by government in recent years. The 16 power companies privatised since December last year have reported huge pay rises for their most senior directors. Before privatisation, the typical chairman and chief executive a regional electricity company in England and Wales earned £62,270.

That was £3,330 below the maximum for the second highest Civil Service grade. It is the sort of salary paid to a police chief inspector, but nearly £10,000 a year less than the pay of the permanent secretary in a ministry such as the Home Office. Less than a year later, the top two directors in each of the 12 companies are reckoned to average £149,000, excluding benefits.

According to the Monks Partnership pay survey, published today, basic pay for senior managers at 600 companies in Britain rose on average by 12 per cent last year. But the most senior directors' increases were the largest, averaging 14.3 per cent. According to Monks, a typical finance director of an industrial company with annual sales of £90 million now earns £66,502.

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PRIVATISATION AND PAY

	Chairman	Year to March 91 (£)	Year to March 90 (£)	Change
British Airways	Lord King	407,650	515,818	-21%
British Gas	Robert Evans	370,083	173,447*	
National Power	John Baker	240,000	135,600	+77%
British Telecom	Iain Vallance	536,303	374,152	+43%
Anglian Water	Bernard Henderson	91,000	61,000	+49%
Yorkshire Water	Gordon Jones	119,000	75,000	+59%
Northumbrian Water	Sir Michael Straker†	51,000	31,000	+64%
Southern Water	William Courtney	142,000	46,000	+209%
Northern Electric	David Morris	141,511	72,151*	
Southern Electric	Duncan Ross	197,057	78,160	+152%
London Electricity	John Wilson	142,879	84,102	+70%
Eastern Electricity	James Smith	114,621	68,368	+68%

*part year only †part-time

£200m diverted by universities from research

By John O'Leary, higher education correspondent

UNIVERSITIES are siphoning off £200 million of public money intended for basic research to prop up industrial and other applied projects, lecturers claimed yesterday.

The Association of University Teachers claims that private companies and government departments are not paying the full costs of commissioned research, and that making up the shortfall from general research funding is squeezing out valuable projects.

Universities have been gradually increasing the charges made for overheads on research projects since a report by Harold Hanham, vice-chancellor of Lancaster University, highlighted the problem three years ago. He suggested trebling the overheads charged on some projects.

Few universities have complied fully, however, and most accuse government departments of driving down market rates by refusing to add more than 40 per cent in overheads to the charges they pay for projects. Private research organisations usually add more than 100 per cent.

Gareth Roberts, vice-chancellor of Sheffield University, said: "Industry follows government, and most companies are reluctant to pay more." There is pressure on universities to take private contracts even if they are uneconomic because the scale of outside funding is taken into account when their budgets are set.

Warwick University has set targets of 105 per cent overheads on science projects and 65 per cent in the social sciences. Michael Shattock, the registrar, said: "We are unrepentant about going for a decent level of overheads. We are doing rather well so far. It seems that organisations are prepared to pay more if there is a proper justification."

The association's report calls for the government to provide the £200 million it claims universities have been forced into misappropriating as a result of departmental and research coluncil policies. Shrinking resources are damaging university research, especially in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Among the association's recommendations are a separate research council for the arts and humanities, and a shift in the balance of funding for research and development from military to civil projects. The existing research councils are said to be in suffering from serious underfunding.

Diana Warwick, the association's general secretary, said: "Public accountability, and the right of taxpayers to know how their money is spent, is important, so the true costs of applied research must be openly stated, recognised and be paid for fairly. The steady destruction of Britain's science base must stop."

☐ One adult in four is either a current or a recent student, according to the largest survey of adult learning in Britain, published yesterday.

The study, which was based on interviews with more than 4,000 people, comes as ministers prepare to announce whether adults will have to pay the full cost of courses classified as leisure subjects. Classes leading to vocational qualifications are shown to be the most popular.

Students commit an average of 9.3 hours a week to their subject.

Drink laws extended to train staff

Legislation governing alcohol and drug abuse by motorists is to be extended to staff working for British Rail, London Underground and Docklands light rail, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said yesterday.

Proposed new offences include being unfit to drive through drink or drugs, and exceeding the drink-drive limits for motorists. Police will be able to require specimens of breath, blood or urine where there is reasonable cause to suspect an offence.

Murder charge

Christopher Groves, aged 23, unemployed, of Watford, Hertfordshire, was remanded into police custody by Hemel Hempstead magistrates yesterday where he appeared accused of murdering Cordelliah Lovett, aged 16. The prosecution told the court that police enquiries were continuing. No application was made for bail. Mr Groves will appear before Watford magistrates on Friday.

Editor charged

Donald Trelford, editor of the *Observer* newspaper, appeared on a drink-drive charge at Horseferry Road magistrates' court, central London, yesterday. Mr Trelford, aged 53, of Islington, north London, denied driving while his alcohol level was over the legal limit in the early hours of last Saturday. He was remanded on bail to appear again in November.

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Judge blames council for not locking up boy who raped again

A JUDGE criticised a council social services committee yesterday after a boy accused of rape went missing from a children's home and raped a 53-year-old woman.

Police had twice requested that Norbert McCootie, aged 14, should be kept in a secure unit, but the committee of Lambeth council, south London, decided to place him in the children's home.

Judge Michael Coombe, at the Central Criminal Court, said: "I take the view that the social services committee made the wrong decision. Because of that decision, a 53-year-old lady has been raped and robbed." He ordered that McCootie be detained for eight years and seven months after he admitted two rapes and two robberies.

McCootie had appeared in Balham juvenile court in February, accused of raping a woman aged 22 in Clapham, south London. The court was told that he had first appeared in court in May 1989, had been put into council care and had since appeared in court six times for offences including mugging, handling stolen goods and indecent assault on a woman whose breasts he fondled after breaking into her house.

The court was told that McCootie and Justin Powell, aged 14, ambushed the woman on February 13 as she walked across the Clapham North estate. The woman had seen the boys lurking about but said she felt no concern because she thought that they were harmless schoolboys.

John Crocker, for the prosecution, said that the two boys threw her face down in the snow and told her that they would kill her if she did not hand over her money. Powell ran off when she handed over £6.50 but McCootie continued to threaten her. He removed her underclothing, threatened her with a knife and said: "Don't make a noise or I'll kill you." He raped her and then ran off with her training shoes. The woman stumbled home, where a flat mate called the police.

McCootie and Powell were caught when they were questioned by police about another matter. A detective noticed that Powell was wearing trainers similar to the ones taken from the raped woman. A DNA test of McCootie showed that he was almost certainly the rapist. The chances of it not being him were one in 50 million.

The second attack occurred on April 1 in Stratford, east London. McCootie grabbed the woman in an alleyway as she was walking home at 11pm.

She was forced into a doorway at knifepoint and punched several times in the face. Her hands were cut as she tried to wrestle the knife from McCootie. He was said to have been obsessed about her not looking at him while he was raping her, shouting at her to keep her eyes shut.

McCootie was arrested soon afterwards and a DNA test showed that the chances of his not being the rapist were one in 80,000.

The judge refused a defence application to keep McCootie and Powell's names from being published. "I think these charges are so grave that I can see no reason for providing protection for them," he said.

He described the offences as horrific. He said McCootie had been put under supervision three times and treated with enormous leniency. "I am concerned first and foremost with the protection of the public," he said. "I regret to say that, despite his age, he has shown criminal propensities beyond the normal and I regard him as a menance to the public."

Powell, aged 14, is to be detained for 18 months after pleading guilty to robbery. The judge was asked by counsel for Powell to deal with the matter under juvenile rules. He declined to do so because he said that the most Powell could serve in those circumstances was four months in secure accommodation. He would also, subject to agreement of the childcare controller, be allowed to visit his parents at the weekends. "We have to be realistic," the judge said.

He added that the leniency shown to McCootie and Powell in the past had not paid off. To deal with them both under the Children's and Young Persons Act was quite unsuitable for the crimes they had committed.

"I make it clear that there is no method in law which is suitable in such a wicked case, other than to ensure detention in such places as the secretary of state may direct," he said.

Homes to be tested for green credentials

MEASURES to help prevent global warming, ozone depletion and the destruction of rain forests are included in a scheme launched yesterday to ensure that new homes conform to higher green standards (Christopher Warman writes).

Under the Building Research Establishment's environmental assessment method (Breeam) scheme, new homes are assessed at the design stage and can be awarded up to 27 credit points for the features they incorporate. These include the level of insulation and energy saving measures to reduce the production of carbon dioxide and CFC gases.

The use of reused timber or timber from well-managed sources and of reused tiles, slates, brick and stone is rewarded, as is the storage of recyclable materials, water economy, good ventilation, low energy lighting, and for building on land of low ecological value.

Launching the scheme, David Trippier, environment minister, said that in spite of the downturn in the construction industry, there were still about 180,000 new homes being built each year. "The development of Breeam for new homes is a vital step forward in our strategy to make buildings more environmentally sensitive," he said. Energy savings would soon recoup the extra cost of "greening" houses.

A scheme to assess supermarkets, including issues such as neighbourhood noise and Legionnaires' disease, was also launched yesterday. It is hoped that the Breeam scheme will be extended to cover existing offices, hotels and other buildings.

Children 'stranded by BR collector'

TWO boys say they were left stranded 20 miles from home by British Rail because they had the wrong tickets. Vincent Best, an asthmatic, and Lee Foster, both aged 12, say they walked ten miles along dark country lanes before going into a public house where staff allowed them to telephone their parents.

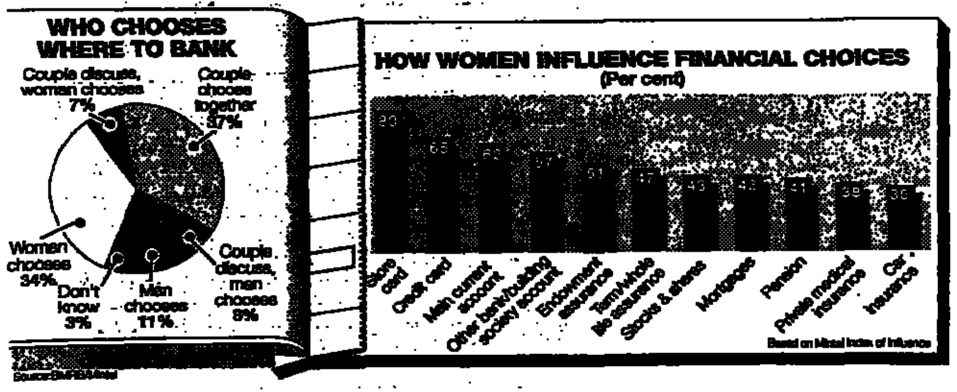
Vincent's father, also called Vincent, said: "I am absolutely livid. Two young and vulnerable lads were forced to walk for miles after dark and anything could have happened to them — all over a few pence."

John Foster, Lee's father, said: "I expect British Rail to do something so no other child has to go through what my son did."

The boys, of Erdington, Birmingham, spent Saturday travelling round the West Midlands rail network on £1 Awayday tickets. At Lichfield station, the boys say, a collector said the tickets were not valid because Lichfield was out of the area covered by the tickets, and they would have to pay 80p each. When they said they had no money he confiscated their tickets and told them to leave the station. They used their last 10p to call Lee's parents but were cut off. The boys said they did not realise they had gone too far.

Vincent said: "I usually have an inhaler but I left it at home. I was very breathless by the end of the trip and I began to get frightened."

A British Rail spokeswoman said the usual procedure would be to take passengers' names and addresses and send them a bill. An investigation would be launched, she said.



Women feel patronised in dealings with finance firms

By DAVID YOUNG

BANKS, building societies and insurance companies often treat women as simpletons, ignoring their increasing influence on household financial decisions, a survey by the market researcher Mintel shows.

Six in ten women surveyed said that financial companies talked down to them and seemed to think them unable to manage their own affairs. Paul Hersey, Mintel's senior financial analyst, said: "Those most likely to feel they are being patronised are women who are housewives and those in the 35-54 age group. Young women in the 15-19 age group are least likely to believe they are being patronised. However, this may be simply because they have had less experience of financial institutions.

"Despite the fact that women say they want services designed especially for them, many financial service providers are wary of targeting women. It is a very fine balance between providing tailored services and appearing to discriminate or patronise."

The survey found that almost three in four women felt that financial companies failed to explain details of the accounts, savings plans and credit deals on offer, and more than 60 per cent said that financial firms should change their approach by offering packages specially tailored to women. The report says that, while women make up 40 per cent of the workforce, seven in ten are "economically active".

The survey, involving 1,154 women aged over 15, was conducted during the summer. It says that 52 per cent hold a bank current account, 37 per cent have a building society current account, one in three have at least one credit card and 42 per cent have car insurance. However, only 8 per cent have a mortgage and 5 per cent hold bank, building society or finance house personal loans, with 4 per cent in personal equity plans.

Mintel asked women who were married or living with partners about their influence on financial decisions and devised an "influence index", which showed that women had a big say in the choice of store credit cards, bank credit cards and in which bank the main current account was held. They had less influence in matters such as pensions and insurance. However, women making choices in those areas represented a sizeable market, Mintel said.

Debate rages over boxing ban

By DAVID YOUNG AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

MICHAEL Watson, the middleweight boxer who has undergone two emergency brain operations since his defeat on Saturday night, is continuing his fight for survival on a life support system in London's St Bartholomew's Hospital. It will be at least 48 hours before doctors know if he can make a complete recovery.

The boxer, whose fight against Chris Eubank was stopped, is being kept under a deep anaesthetic so that doctors can stabilise his condition. He has had two large clots removed from the right side of his brain, above the ear, and still has severe bruising.

The neuro-surgeon leading the team treating Watson, Mr Peter Hamlyn, said the boxer's condition was still critical. He had developed a kidney complication because the part of the brain which secretes chemicals used by the kidneys was not operating fully, but this problem had been successfully treated with drugs.

The boxer's mother, Joan, remained at his bedside throughout yesterday and his former girlfriend, Zara Rhouila, mother of his daughters Jamilla, aged four and Layla, aged three, also visited the hospital and spent several hours with him.

Calls for the banning of boxing have continued throughout the day from both sides of the political spectrum, but Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the Sports Council, defended the sport: "Boxing is a super sport and gives youngsters in particular tremendous confidence in the art of self defence. Professional boxers know the risks they are taking and I don't believe it beholds anyone to step in and stop them."

However, Sam Galbraith, a brain surgeon and Labour's spokesman for health in Scotland, said that professional boxing should be banned.

Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion who was himself involved in a fight in 1982 when African boxer Young Ali died, said that the rules should be changed to ensure longer periods between fights. Robert Atkins, the sports minister, said yesterday that he would be calling for a report into the fight. "I have spoken to John Morris, the general secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control and have called for a full account of what happened before and after Michael Watson was hurt and the facilities that were available," he said.

James Tye, director general of the British Safety Council, and a leading anti-boxing campaigner, said: "How many more Michael Watsons will be left brain damaged before the government realises that this sadistic 'sport' must be brought to an end?"

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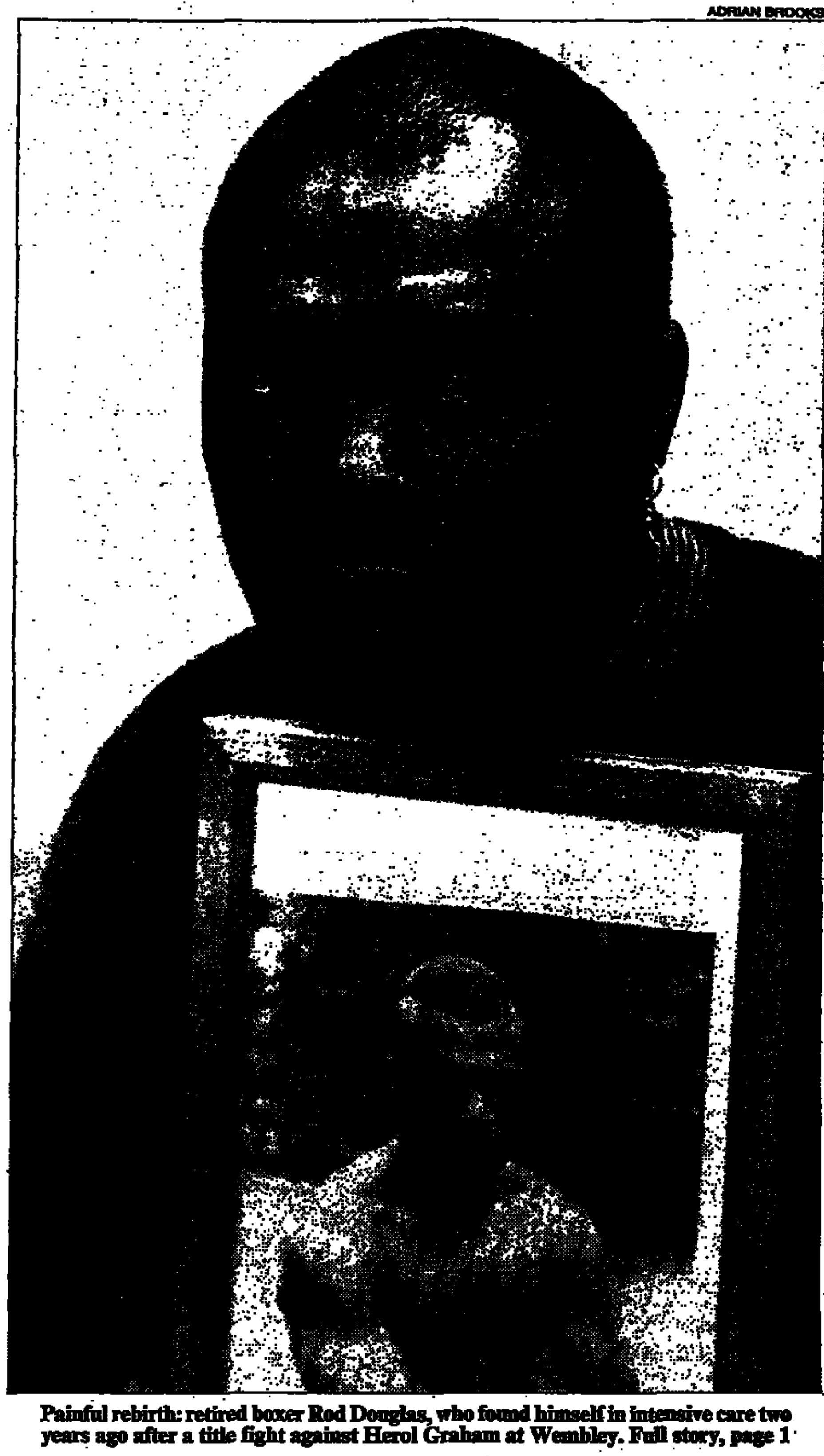

Painful rebirth: retired boxer Rod Douglas, who found himself in intensive care two years ago after a title fight against Herol Graham at Wembley. Full story, page 1

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Asthma sufferers not given right drugs

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

TOO many doctors are giving the wrong drugs to asthma sufferers, specialists at the European Respiratory Congress in Brussels said yesterday.

Thousands worldwide might also die unnecessarily because the treatment most commonly given might be making the condition worse, doctors said at the launch of the International Asthma Council at the congress.

Dr Peter Thomas, of Toronto University who is chairman of the council, said that many doctors were not prescribing the best treatment because they were not familiar with the latest recommendations. In Britain, one survey found that four out of ten GPs were not aware that the British Thoracic Society had recently issued new guidelines.

The most commonly prescribed treatment is bronchodilator drugs, popular with patients because they quickly relieve the symptoms of shortness of breath. However, according to Sebastian Bianco of the University of Milan, such drugs might make the asthma worse by opening up the airways to whatever was causing the trouble.

Patients relied on them, Professor Bianco said, but they should be used only in conjunction with treatment of the underlying inflammation of the lungs.

Asthma deaths have been rising at about 10 per cent a year in Britain, to reach about 2,000 a year. Similar trends have been observed in other developed countries, but establishing the cause has not proved simple.

In June the government's Committee on the Safety of Medicines announced an enquiry into bronchodilator drugs, and the National Asthma Council has set up a committee to investigate the problem. The British Thoracic Society recommends that patients who use inhalers more than once a day would be better off on long-term suppressive therapy with steroids.

Maclean covers 'misled shoppers'

By CRAIG SETON

THE covers of two books that led readers to believe they were written by Alistair Maclean, the best selling author, were by another man with a similar name, magistrates at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, were told yesterday.

HarperCollins, the publishing house, faces five summonses under the Trade Descriptions Act alleging it supplied the books, *Death Train* and *Night Watch*, with false descriptions indicating they were written by Mr Maclean, who died in 1987.

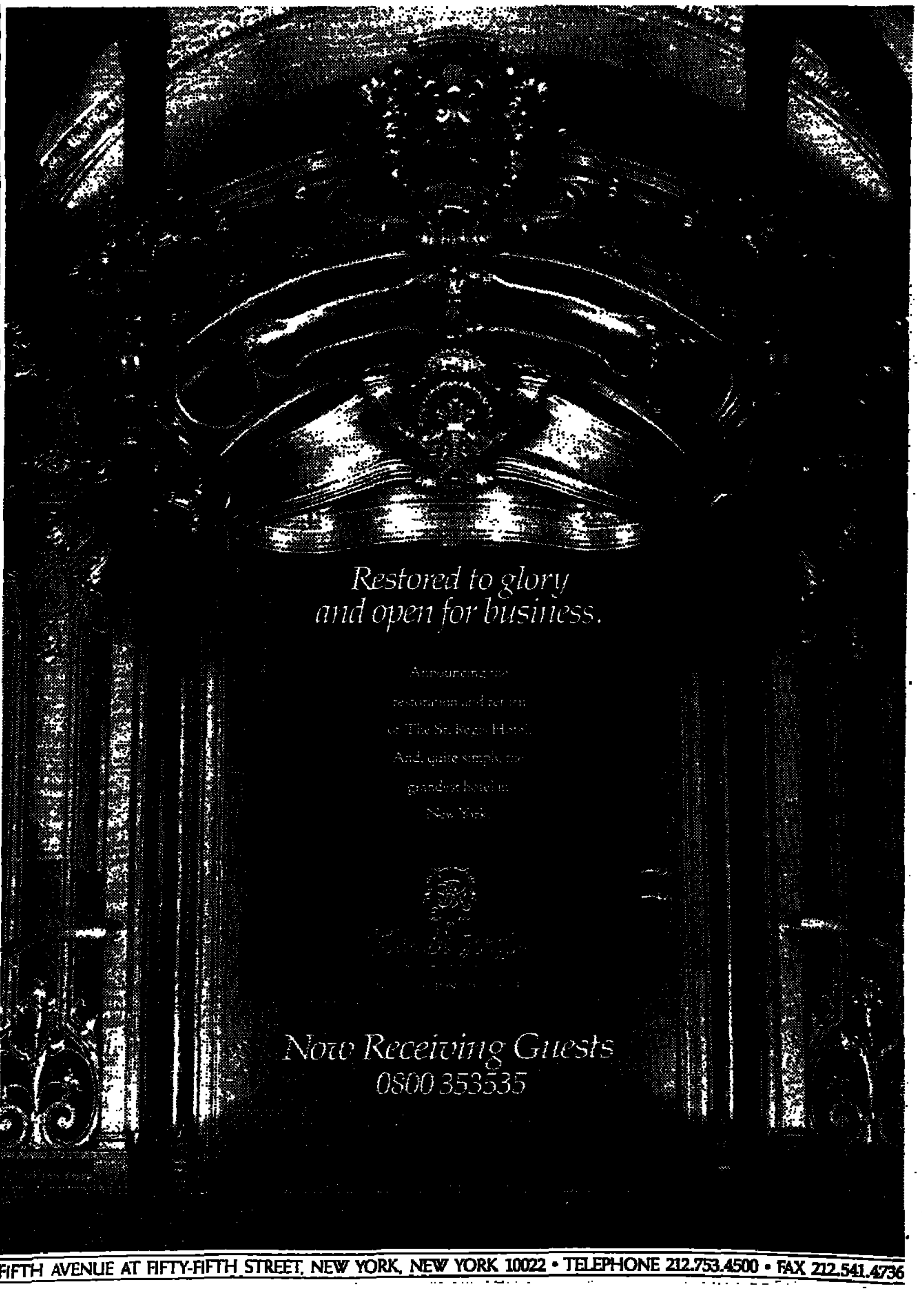
The court heard that the case had been brought by Warwickshire trading standards officers after complaints from readers that the books, written by Alastair MacNeill, were not up to the quality of Alistair Maclean novels. HarperCollins, which has pleaded not guilty, argued yesterday that some of Mr Maclean's books were also poor. They said they would prove that he had provided most of the plots for the two books.

Michael Stephens, for the prosecution, said that the front cover of the books had large letters, saying "Alistair Maclean's Death Train" and "Alistair Maclean's Night Watch". In smaller letters at the bottom was the name Alastair MacNeill, who had written the stories from outlines by Alistair Maclean before he died.

Mr Stephens said many readers would be attracted by the cover, painting a picture of an action packed Alistair Maclean novel. He said that Mr MacNeill might not be regarded as the most talented of authors, but the publishers decided there was a germ of talent there.

Mr Stephens said that Barry Winkleman, managing director HarperCollins, said in a letter to trading standards officers that great care had been taken to make clear that Mr MacNeill was the author. He had said that for most readers it was more important that the plot and characters were supplied by Mr Maclean. The apostrophe was sometimes used by publishers to indicate that a person named was not the author, but had some close association.

The trial continues today.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Police chief rejects deprivation as trigger for city riots

By Peter Davenport

SOCIAL deprivation was not the cause of riots on Tyneside, according to Sir Stanley Bailey, whose police officers tackled the disturbances.

The chief constable of Northumbria yesterday rejected a statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury that poverty was to blame. Investigations had shown that most of those arrested were out of work, but Sir Stanley insisted that unemployment alone was not the cause. The success of a police campaign against car crime in the area had been "a major trigger" for the four days of disturbances on housing estates in Newcastle upon Tyne and North Shields.

Many of those involved in the riots admitted seeking revenge on the police for the deaths of two young car thieves, killed when the vehicle they were driving hit a lamp-post at 125mph during a police pursuit.

Sir Stanley said that the riots had cost his force £1.8 million — £1.2 million in overtime, £100,000 for reinforcements from other forces, £200,000 for fuel and vehicles and £300,000 for civilian overtime. The force, which has shed 116 jobs and is making economies to help the county to avoid poll-tax capping, is appealing to the Home Office for extra funds to meet the cost of the disturbances.

Investigations into the riots have resulted in 155 arrests for offences including arson, criminal damage, assault and theft. Of those charged, Sir Stanley said, 98 were unemployed, 22 had jobs, 29 were schoolchildren, five were on training schemes and one was a student.

He said that the Archbishop of Canterbury's speech blaming the riots on social deprivation did not give the full picture. "I will not have the excuse that unemployment alone is the cause because many unemployed people commit no crimes."

Sir Stanley, who retires this week after 16 years as chief constable, said there had been an amazing response from the public to police appeals for help in tracking down the rioters. The police took 500 telephone calls on one day.

Sir Stanley repeated his defence of police tactics, saying that it was a tribute to the restraint of his officers that no civilian had been injured. "Looking at the nature of the disorder, you can go out and crack heads. But this does not help the future and we achieved our objectives with no injuries caused by the police to the public. No one can say what would have happened had serious injuries been caused."

He added that morale among his force was good in spite of a terrifying campaign of threats against individual officers because of their success in tracking down criminals and those involved in the disturbances.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Rocking on: Bill Wyman, bass player with the Rolling Stones, at the launch in London yesterday of the paperback of his autobiography *Stone Alone*. Mr Wyman is also the rock and roll group's chronicler and archivist

Pollsters suggest 22m back arts lottery

More than half of adults would buy tickets in a national lottery to support the arts, sport and the environment, according to a poll for the Sports Council and the Arts Council (John Young writes).

The survey suggests that 22 million people would support such a lottery. Estimated average expenditure of £1.69 a week would provide £2,000 million a year. After expenditure and prize money, £600 million would be available for national and local projects.

The poll by Research Surveys of Great Britain, of 2,000 respondents aged 16 or over, found that 40 per cent were interested in taking part in a lottery, rising to over half if the proceeds were channelled in to sport, the arts and the environment.

Peter Yarranton, chairman of the Sports Council, said that lotteries elsewhere in Europe had been enormously successful in raising funds for a wide range of socially desirable programmes. However, the government had still to grasp the nettle and sanction a national lottery.

Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, said the survey showed that a national lottery would yield plentiful resources to benefit the arts and cultural heritage.

Green agency

Scotland is to have its own environment protection agency, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, announced yesterday. It will have a £20 million annual budget and 500 staff when it takes over responsibility for all pollution from a number of inspectorates. The agency's remit includes radioactive waste. A similar agency planned for England and Wales has been shelved until after the election.

Trials of jury

More than 100 potential jurors attended the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the first stage in selecting 12 people for the second Guinness trial, expected to last three months. Lord Spens, aged 49, and Roger Seelig, aged 46, former merchant bankers, are charged with false accounting. Mr Justice Henry excused 57 leaving 54 still to be considered. The trial is due to start on Thursday.

Joyride charge

A man appeared in court at Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, yesterday charged with three offences of taking cars without consent, theft and driving while disqualified and without insurance. Michael Shipman, aged 20, of Oldham, was remanded in custody until today. He and two others were arrested after police developed a film in a camera found near the scene of a crash last Tuesday night.

Families ask judge to Orkney

By Kerry Gill

THE four Orkney families whose nine children were seized by social workers after allegations of sexual abuse said that Lord Clyde, chairman of the judicial enquiry, was welcome to visit their homes at any time.

Their invitation was passed to Lord Clyde by Edward Targowski, QC, counsel for the families, yesterday. It was the first time that the possibility of a visit to the South Ronaldsay community, where the children live, emerged at the enquiry, now entering its fifth week in Kirkwall.

Lord Clyde said he would bear the invitation in mind but added that arrangements did not have to be made immediately. The enquiry panel is to visit Orkney council's social work department later today.

Julie Lee, one of the social workers, earlier was handed a teddy bear belonging to one of the families involved. She was also given a box containing hundreds of cards sent to the children while they were in care, but which did not reach them until they returned home.

The enquiry has heard claims that toys, including the teddy bear belonging to the M family, were torn apart and searched after being sent to the children. The enquiry continues today.

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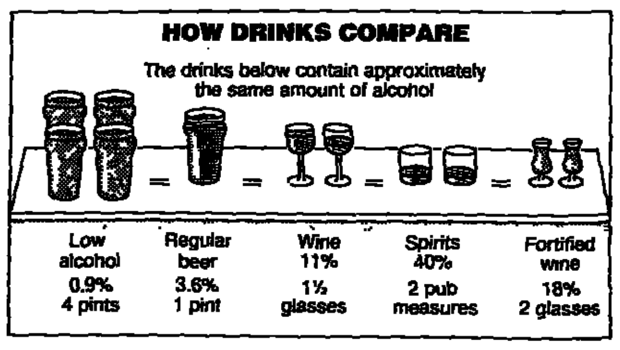
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Drinkers blind to levels of alcohol

By David Young

THE average beer drinker, traditionally seen muttering into his pint that his ale is becoming weaker by the week, is likely to be unaware of the true strength of his favourite tipple.

Surveys have shown that three out of four drinkers do not know the strength of common drinks, and that 50 per cent of young people believe, incorrectly, that a single whisky is stronger than a pint of ordinary beer.

The Portman Group, a drinks industry-funded body whose aim is to promote sensible drinking, is distributing a leaflet through off licences and supermarkets to educate drinkers. A poster for display in pubs later this year is also planned.

The group's findings are supported by a survey by Mori which found that 75 per cent of participants did not know the correct alcohol content of various drinks, and one by the Edinburgh University alcohol research group which found that half of the 6,000 young people it questioned thought that a whisky was stronger than a pint.

Labels on drinks are required to state the percentage of alcohol but the Portman Group has found "a general lack of understanding" about the symbols used. John Rae, its director, said: "Knowing the strength of a drink is an important first step towards sensible drinking. Many parents and teachers want to give young people advice about sensible drinking but they themselves have little idea of the alcoholic content of different drinks." Previous sensible drinking campaigns have concentrated on "units" of alcohol but counting the units consumed depended on knowing the strength of the drinks, he added.

A typical pint of British beer with 3.6 per cent alcohol-by-volume was equal to about two units of alcohol, the Portman Group said. A single whisky is about one unit.

The Edinburgh University survey was carried out among a countrywide, random sample of 14 to 16-year-olds in the latter part of 1990. The Mori poll was part of a larger, general survey carried out last year among more than 1,000 respondents in the A, B, C and D social groups.

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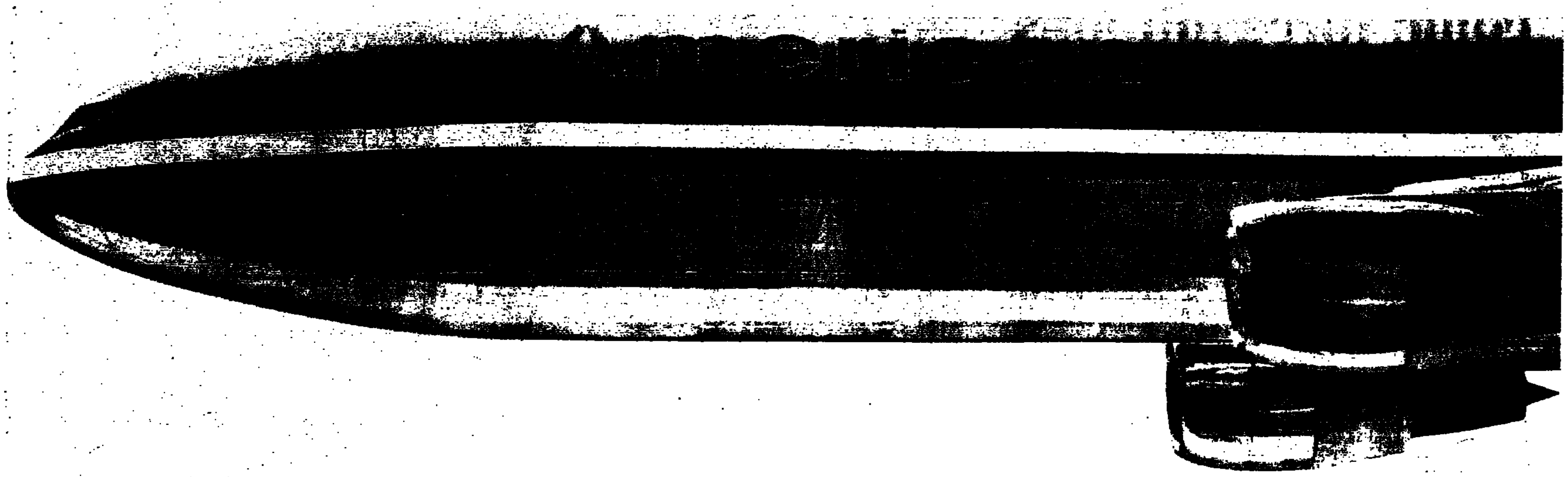

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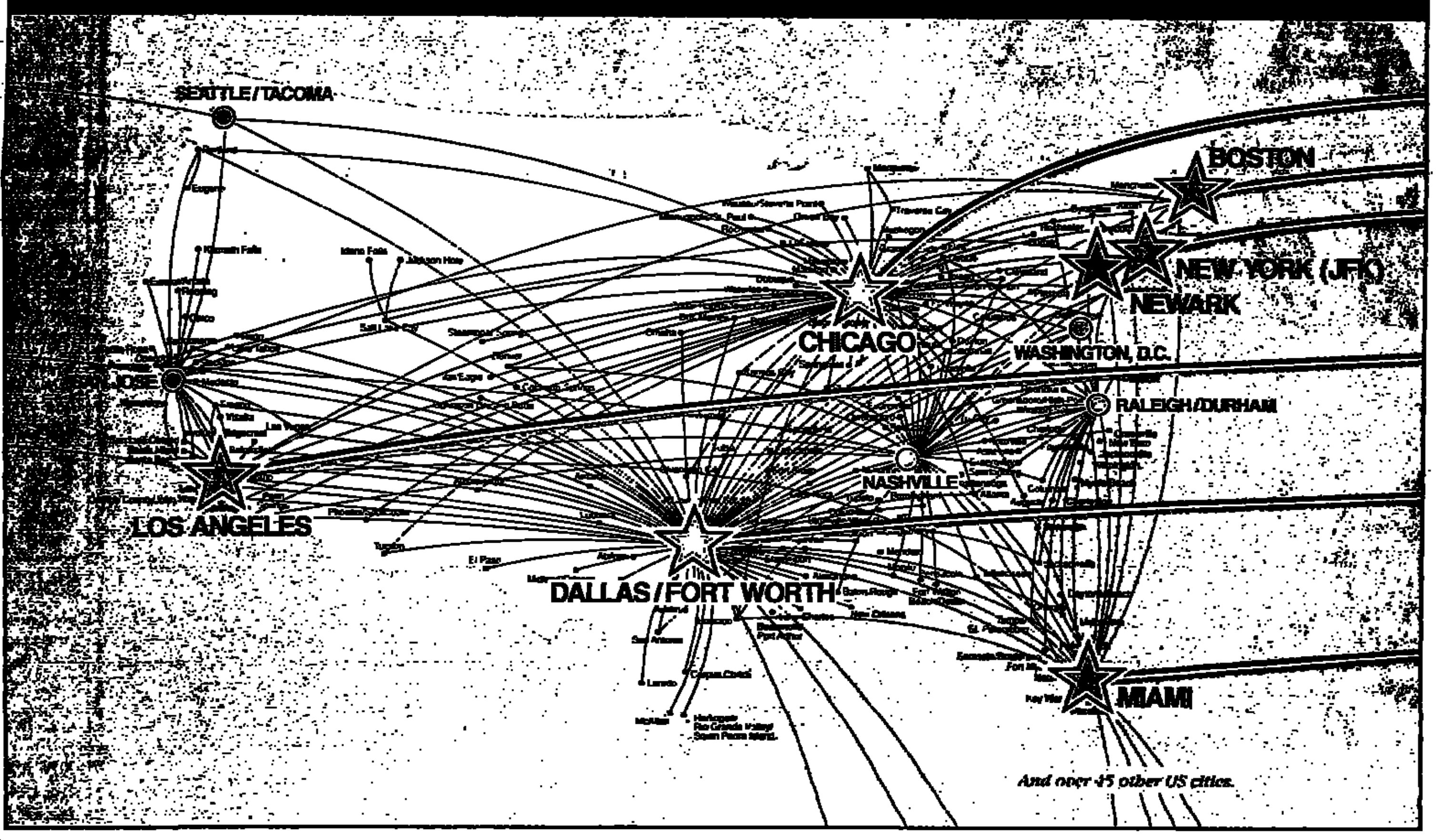

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MoT pollution test could force millions of cars off the road

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

SIX million cars could be forced off the road by anti-pollution checks to be included in the MoT test from November 1.

Research findings issued yesterday by the RAC showed that 36 per cent of all cars would fail the new test, which includes an electronic check on exhaust emissions. Heavy pollution came from all ages and makes of cars, mainly because they were badly maintained and tuned.

Jeremy Vanke, the RAC's environmental manager, said: "There seems to be a clear trend in which motorists are not looking after their cars properly by having them serviced and maintained. That may be caused by the effects of the recession. But those motorists should realise that they are causing needless pollution."

The RAC carried out tests involving thousands of cars over the past year since the government announced its decision to monitor car pollution. Forty per cent of man-made oxides of nitrogen — responsible for acid rain — is attributed to motor vehicles, while cars, lorries and buses account for about a fifth of carbon dioxide emissions.

All new cars must be be fitted with catalytic converters to meet European Community anti-pollution rules from January 1, 1993. However, it will be 2002 before 90 per cent of cars use converters, which soak up 90 per cent of toxic engine gases.

The RAC expects that many drivers will have their cars specially tuned for the new MoT test but will then fail to maintain them for the rest of the year. A third of drivers are estimated to have their cars serviced once a year or less. The RAC said that 17 per cent of cars could be causing 55 per cent of all motor vehicle pollution.

The new MoT test will cost £20, up from the present £16.65. The transport department and motoring organisations say that greater fuel economy can recoup the cost of regular servicing.

☐ Britain's car makers were yesterday given three months by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to produce plans to protect their new cars against thieves and joyriders.

Executives were summoned to meet Mr Baker in the wake of record levels of car crime, now up to five times worse than the rest of Europe. Mr Baker told the manufacturers that he has decided to name 1992 Car Crime Prevention Year in an effort to cut the rate of stolen cars and thefts of valuables from vehicles. These are running at 1.4 million annually, an increase of nearly 24 per cent over last year.

The initiative has set an effective time limit for manufacturers to devise plans to fit a range of better protective equipment, including door deadlocks, window etching and alarm and immobilisation systems.

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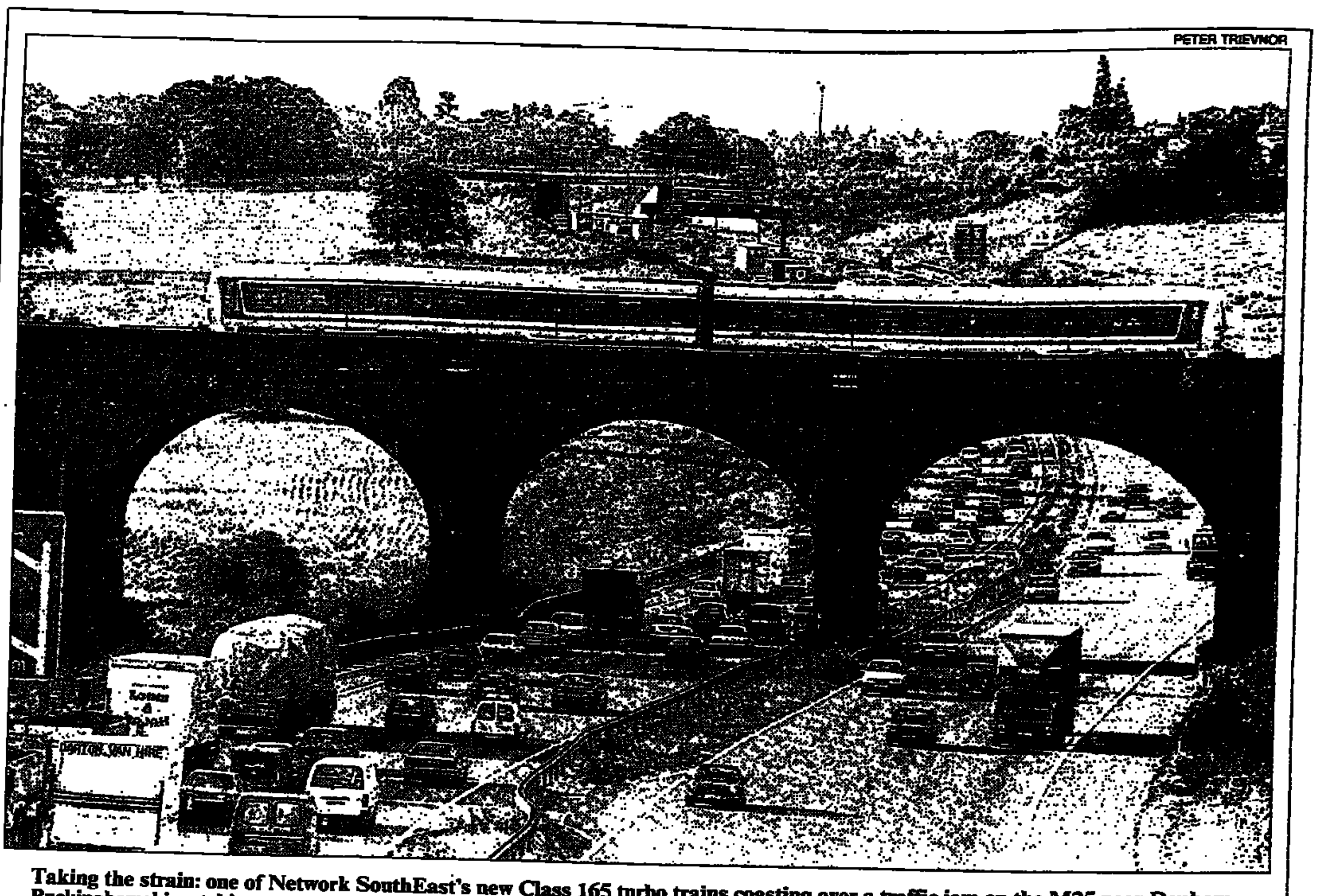

Taking the strain: one of Network SouthEast's new Class 165 turbo trains coasting over a traffic jam on the M25 near Denham, Buckinghamshire, taking commuters on the Chiltern line to Marylebone station in London. The new trains are part of a £75 million scheme which is transforming the antiquated line between Oxford, Aylesbury and London into the region's most advanced railway

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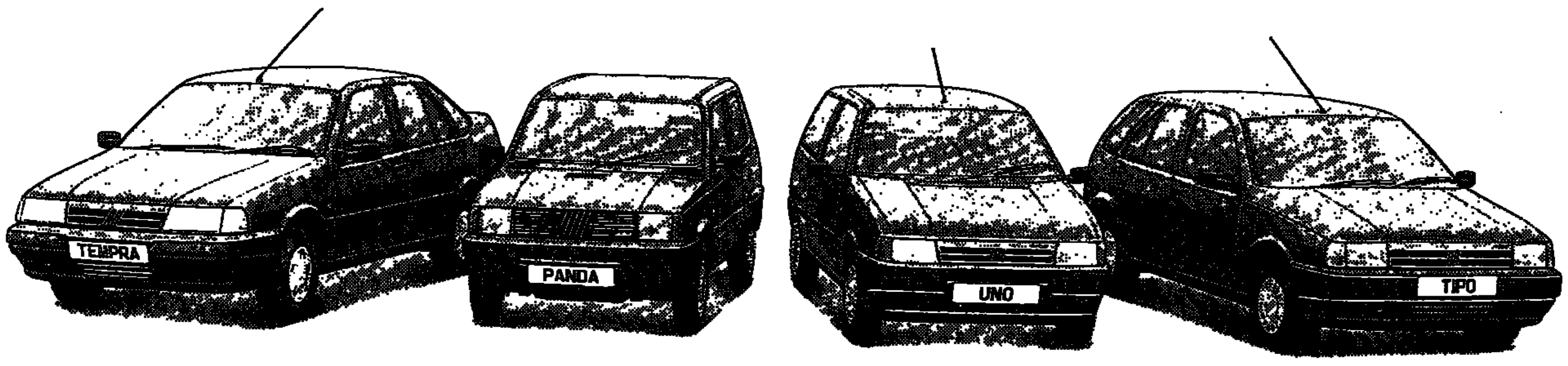

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Disaster court suggested

By Frances Gibb
Legal affairs correspondent

A NATIONAL disaster court to compensate survivors and to prosecute those responsible for catastrophes was called for last night by the Consumers' Association.

"The legal system has so far proved tragically inadequate to cope with aftermaths of major disasters," David Tench, the association's legal director, said. No single court had overall responsibility and it could require six separate legal hearings to deal with a disaster, including an inquest, official enquiry, and criminal proceedings.

A disaster court should have the powers of a High Court and could sit within a week of a significant incident, Mr Tench told the London regional meeting of association members.

● A special solicitors' group has been set up to swap information on compensation claims against British Rail for death or injury suffered by people falling out of train doors. Over the past five years more than 100 people have been killed and others seriously injured in falls.

Gang jailed for £3m art sale attempt

FOUR bogus art dealers who tried to sell a £3 million masterpiece back to the gallery it was stolen from were jailed yesterday.

Judge Denis Paiba sentenced the men at Kingston crown court, explained his tough line by saying: "Only today, art theft came third in seriousness and money to drugs and gun running."

Last month, the gang admitted trying to sell the work by Peter Brueghel, "Christ and the Woman taken in Adultery", stolen from the Courtauld Institute in London.

Colin Davis, aged 48, of Laindon, Essex, was jailed for three years for conspiracy to handle stolen goods with a further six months, to run concurrently, for using a false instrument with intent. Scott Cooper, 23, of Northchapel, West Sussex, was jailed for three years for conspiracy to handle stolen goods. Stanley Reeves, 50, of Woking, Surrey, was jailed for two-and-a-half years for the conspiracy and six months for breach of a conditional discharge, to be served consecutively. Bobby Dee, 34, of Theydon Bois, Essex, was jailed for two-and-a-half years for conspiracy to handle stolen goods.

Skipper of grounded schooner fined £100

AN AMERICAN skipper was fined £100 yesterday after he broke shipping by-laws and then ran his schooner aground.

Captain Jan C. Miles, who was on a round-Europe voyage to promote the state of Maryland, had to have more than 30 passengers taken off by ferry after the accident.

He had sailed the 158ft Pride of Baltimore to Spain, Scandinavia and St Petersburg before reaching Southampton. David Emington, for Associated British Ports, told Southampton magistrates that the schooner was seen sailing out of the city with passengers on July 23. Port officials radioed Miles and he told them that he had 37 passengers on board for a short pleasure cruise around Southampton Water.

He said he was unaware that any vessel over 65ft had to register with the vessel traffic service and that he needed a pilot if there were more than 12 passengers on board. Mr Emington added: "A short while later the vessel grounded at Hamble Point and the passengers had to be removed by ferry."

Peter Clarke, for the defence, said the Pride of Baltimore was a replica of an 18th-century privateer used to run English blockades in the American War of Independence. He added: "It is owned by the state of Maryland and is an ambassador for that state. Capt Miles is a particularly experienced mariner. He has spent the last 22 years as a professional seaman exclusively on sailing vessels. He is very embarrassed by this."

Miles, aged 40, of Baltimore, Maryland, admitted carrying passengers without a pilot and failing to register his vessel. He was fined £50 for each offence.

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Housing groups demand 1.2 million new homes to solve 'hidden problem'

Rise in rural homeless 'is bigger than in towns'

By Ray Clancy

THE number of homeless people is rising faster in the countryside than in urban areas, according to the latest research. Only a long-term commitment from the government to providing affordable housing can ease the problem, housing organisations say.

The sale of council houses, inflation and a failure by the government to admit that there are thousands of homeless people in rural areas has resulted in a hidden problem, the groups say, and at least 1.2 million new houses are needed in ten years to solve it.

A study, commissioned by the Rural Development Commission, the government's adviser on rural affairs, is due to be published at the end of the year. It is expected to show that, in the past five years, homelessness in the countryside has been rising faster than in urban areas. Researchers blame high prices and, more recently, house repossessions.

Many people are unaware of their rights and fail to collect benefits due to them. Poor public transport and a lack of advice centres compound their plight. Researchers say that local authorites have shirked their responsibilities and the true picture of homelessness has never been exposed.

Cornwall has a severe shortage of affordable homes for first-time buyers. In popular tourist villages, more than half the houses are second homes. Penny Prisk, of the Cornwall Rural Housing Association, said: "Retired people come to Cornwall seeking an idyllic rural lifestyle – a chocolate box village. These people have more money than local people and can afford to buy the expensive housing. But as more elderly people live in villages, young people are forced to move away."

Much of the blame is levelled at local authorities. Brian Moore, of Shelter, in Plymouth, said: "Lack of transport, isolation and inaccessibility means that homelessness in rural areas has become an horrific problem. There is evidence of widescale hidden poverty and deprivation in areas where councils are trying to keep down their waiting lists and therefore ignoring the problem. We have identified 17 councils in our area who are not doing their jobs properly in terms of processing homeless people.

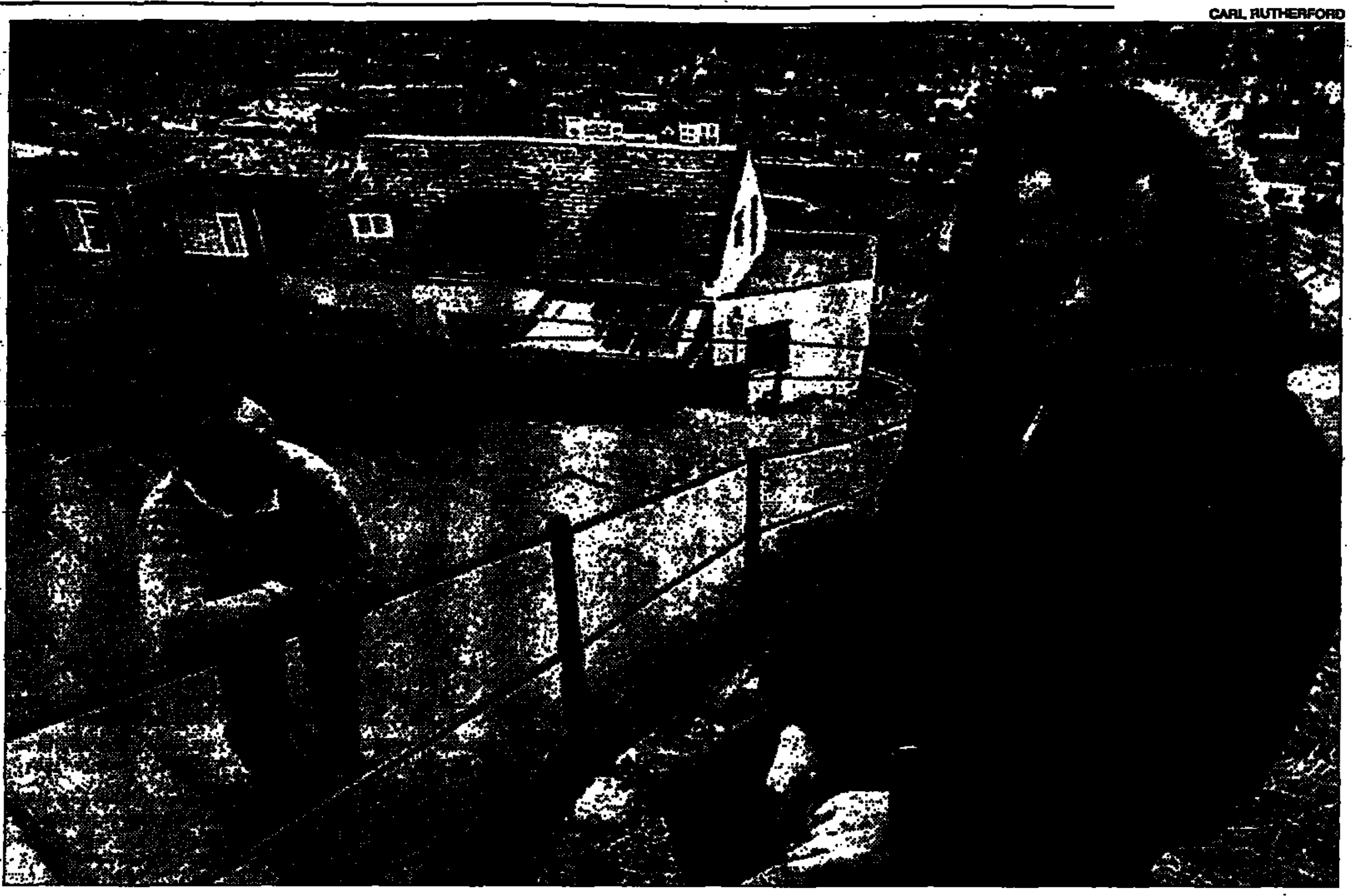
"Official statistics only scratch the surface. We believe that the real numbers are between 200 and 300 per cent higher," he said.

In Gloucester, John Macklin, of Shelter, said that mortgage foreclosures were responsible for more than 17 per cent of homeless cases. "When the government urged people to become home owners, many jumped at the chance and bought their council houses. This led to a shortage of affordable houses to rent," he said.

Housing organisations said official statistics did not put homelessness figures into context. They said that statistics ought to relate to the number of homeless people in an area and the amount of rented accommodation available. The only official figures are those collected by local authorities on the number of referrals and people re-housed.

The St Petroc's Society, a charitable organisation that runs three hostels in Truro and Newquay, Cornwall, turns away people every day. At least half are aged under 25. Rita Hampton, who manages the hostels, said: "The local authorities don't even realise that half of these people are without homes."

She believes that the government should allow local authorities to use money from the sale of council houses to provide affordable housing in rural areas, and that there should be a change in the benefits system. "Once they have paid their rent to us and bought essentials like a toothbrush, it is very difficult to save up for a deposit on a flat," she said.



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Time on their hands: for Arthur, left, and David, another homeless man, Whitby's attractions begin and end at their temporary hostel

Down and out beside the seaside

By Peter Davenport

ARTHUR spent two years living rough in a derelict shipyard. "I wasn't just on the bottom rung of life's ladder, I had even fallen off that," he said.

Marshall made his home in an abandoned railway goods wagon. "It's hard for ordinary people to understand just how lonely such a life can be, when you are grateful to find a discarded, half-eaten sandwich and you pinch milk to drink," he said.

Such experiences are not unusual in our big towns and cities. But Arthur, aged 46 and with two failed marriages behind him, and Marshall, aged 43 and with a history of psychiatric illness and family break-ups, are not in that category. They are examples of rural homelessness, an issue that is often hidden behind chocolate-box images of the countryside, but one which is causing increasing concern to the Rural Development Commission.

The agency, which in the past has concentrated on stimulating the economies of deprived rural areas, has recently appointed nine rural service officers to help alleviate some of the social problems.

Robin Dunn, the officer for Yorkshire, is concentrating on the seaside town of Whitby, trying to help a group of homeless that includes Arthur and Marshall. He is working with the local voluntary group, Network – The Whitby Resource Centre, which helps an estimated two dozen homeless people who would otherwise fall outside the schemes operated by government agencies and national charities.

A dilapidated, four-storey Edwardian terrace house in a street full of small hotels and guest houses has been turned into a temporary hostel to provide places for seven people, including Arthur and Marshall. Volunteers estimate that there are a further 20 or so individuals sleeping rough around the town at any one time. Most are men, in their late 20s to middle 40s. Two are said to live in a pigeon loft.

Once the men have been given a roof, the next step is to get them working. Many help to run a warehouse where unwanted furniture and household fittings are renovated for people on benefit, and a £600,000 grant from the commission is meeting half the cost of converting a redundant hospital on the harbour into light industrial units, where training can be given to provide the men with the skills they need to earn a regular wage.

Freed man turned knife killer

A judge ordered an enquiry yesterday into how doctors let a man walk out of hospital the day after he was diagnosed a psychopath. Eight months later Richard Bulmer, aged 27, used five knives to stab a friend to death after a heavy drinking session.

Mr Justice Otton sent Bulmer to Rampton high security hospital indefinitely. The judge said at Norwich crown court that the Crown Prosecution Service must hold an enquiry into how Bulmer, of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, was allowed to go free while a voluntary patient at the Highcroft hospital in the West Midlands. "If he had had treatment then, then these dreadful events may never have happened."

Bulmer pleaded guilty in May to the manslaughter of David Platts, aged 26, and was sent for assessment before being sentenced.

Murder charges

Mohammed Womiq Nazir, aged 20, and Jamil Ahmed Chowdhary, aged 25, have been charged before Aldershot magistrates, Hampshire, with the murder of Raymond Kelly, aged 17, at a petrol station in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, eight months ago. They have also been charged with attempted robbery and conspiracy to rob.

Baby returned

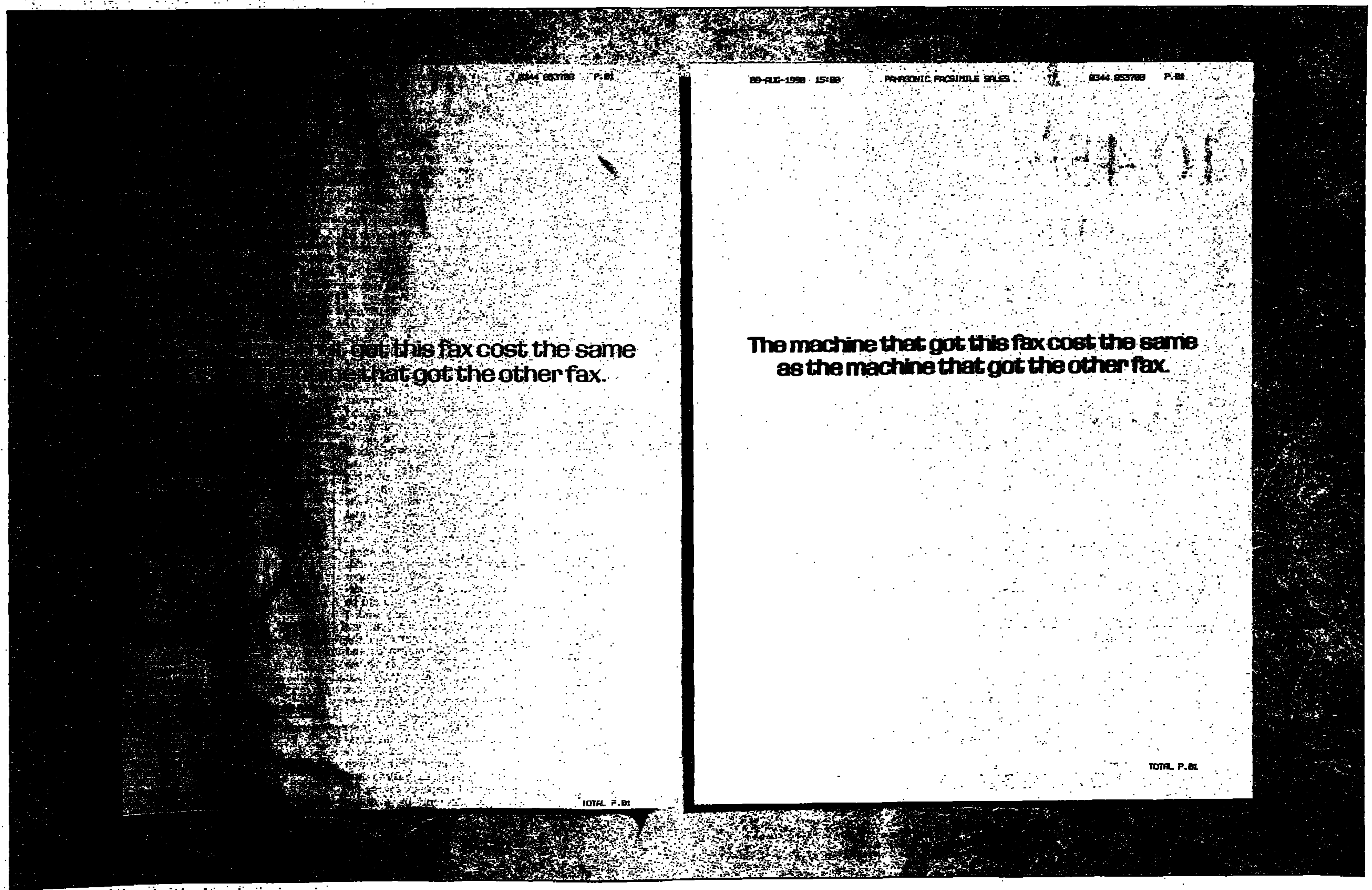
Martin Burkhill, aged 11 months, abducted from his home in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, on Saturday, was reuinted with his mother after police arrested a woman outside Haywards Heath station, West Sussex.

£1m vandals

Joyriders in a stolen car caused more than £1 million damage to a sports and leisure complex at Lakenham, Norfolk, after they rammed the front entrance, starting a fire that destroyed much of the building.

Blind speedster

Mike Landsdell, aged 54, of Ascot, Berkshire, has broken the land speed record for the blind, reaching 130.97mph in his Ford Sierra Cosworth at Pendine Sands, Dyfed.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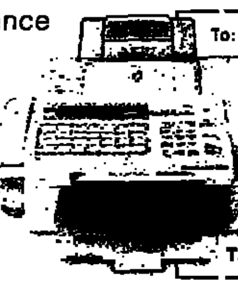

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Yugoslav ceasefire brings Zagreb a touch of normality but shells still fall on village front line

Pact breathes life into ghost town

The fragile ceasefire is holding in most places, but many do not believe it will lead to a lasting solution of the civil war, **Christopher Walker** reports

War of the roses: at the besieged Marshal Tito barracks in Zagreb a Yugoslav army soldier relaxes atop a T55 tank bedecked with flowers and a flag. The adjutant said the rose in the gun barrel was to show "we do not want to fight"

A YELLOW rose in the gun barrel of a federal T55 tank aimed at a Zagreb housing estate yesterday symbolised the fragility of a ceasefire which has amazed Serbs and Croats alike by surviving its first 24 hours largely intact.

"The flower is there to show we do not want to fight," explained Captain Slavko Milovanov, adjutant of the 1,000 heavily armed federal soldiers besieged in the Marshal Tito barracks. "The tank is in place to show we have overwhelming strength and will fight hard if we have to."

An anxious father, about to visit one of the Serbian conscripts based in the military complex, was picking his way through the dangerous no-man's-land between mined Croatian barricades and the perimeter gate as we arrived. "I have spoken to my boy by telephone and he told me that neither he nor his friends want to fight," the father explained, proffering his umbrella against the lashing rain which greeted the ceasefire after days of steamy sun. "We pray for him and for all of us that this time it will be peace."

Captain Milovanov, aged 34, who has lived through the many collapsed ceasefires, was sanguine about the chances of a lasting resolution of a war which the biggest selling Croatian paper, *Vecernji List*, said yesterday would quickly spill over into Austria and Hungary if it continued. "Only a naive person would bet on such a thing as this being of a lasting nature," the captain explained.

Speaking in the sandbagged barracks, still without electricity, post, and medical or food supplies despite a Croatian pledge to restore them, he said: "Maybe it is a short peace, but it is hard to believe that a final peace has arrived." Tension was high in the barracks, dominated by photographs and busts of Tito, and the surrounding streets were almost deserted. On the approach roads, mines were clearly visible: others were hidden in undergrowth, attached to invisible trip wires. Full Croatian petrol tankers were parked on a strategic bridge ready to be exploded if the tanks advanced.

"After the ceasefire, one of my men went out to try and talk to the Croats on the barricades, but they threatened to shoot him," said the captain, a man of Serb-Czech-German-Hungarian descent who claimed his only possible nationality was Yugoslav.

Because of their awesome supplies of heavy armour, morale among the federal troops remained high despite being reduced to one meal a day. "The blockade is only in place because we are willing to tolerate it at present" claimed the captain, who recently had a DM50,000 (£17,000) price put on his head for allegedly being a local leader of the "Chetnik terrorists", the second world war term used for Serbian guerrillas.

Displaying the remains of a rocket that narrowly missed one of his tanks last week, Captain Milovanov complained: "Since the ceasefire began on Sunday not a thing has changed. They have done nothing to change our situation and that is not satisfactory."

Away from the military stand-off around the barracks, the mood of relief in Zagreb was tangible. Street lights went on for the first time in two weeks, traffic jams began to clog previously deserted roads, offices reopened and customers returned to the many cafes.

"Even if it is only for a few hours, or a few days, I am going to enjoy it," explained a Croatian postman back on his rounds. "After all that time in the cellar, this is something to give us hope." As night fell without the unnerving sound of the air raid sirens the mood improved. For the first time in days, sullen, nervous faces gave way to smiles.

Late on Sunday night Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, made an unscheduled appearance in Zagreb's central square. Addressing a small group of citizens, he attempted to counter criticism from extreme nationalists that he has sold out the republic, now a third smaller in size than when the fighting began. "The enemy was forced to agree peace," the president told his audience. "Now we expect Croatian nights with a lot of light. We will need it because we have to build demolished Croatia day and night."

Hina, the official Croatian news agency, did not share his optimism that full-scale civil war had been averted. "The ceasefire agreement does not yet mean absolute victory for peace," it said yesterday.

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Truce fails to silence guns in eastern Croatia

From TIM JUDAH IN VINKOVCI

THERE was precious little sign of a ceasefire in eastern Croatia yesterday. It was impossible to ascertain who was firing at whom, but from Croatian-held villages on the front line the thud of mortar and cannon fire reverberated across the cornfields from the embattled town of Vukovar; machinegun fire could be heard from Srijemske Laze, a village held by Serbian militiamen and the Yugoslav army.

Mortars were heard in Vinkovci yesterday afternoon and in the Croatian village of Bogdanovci, a mile from Vukovar, the remaining inhabitants gathered pieces of a cluster bomb which they said had been dropped on Sunday, wounding 12 people.

"The level of violence has diminished," a senior Croatian National Guard commander said in Vinkovci, "but I suspect that the shelling you can hear comes from Chetniks (Serbian militiamen) and bandits rather than the army." However, Croatian guardsmen closer to the front line said that they believed that tanks were still in action yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday morning, from a high vantage point, flames could be seen pouring from Vinkovci's surrounded army barracks. Witnesses said that the flames were a result of a direct hit by Croatian forces on an ammunition storage depot within the barracks on Sunday. A burst of machinegun fire could be heard from the direction of the barracks, but it was impossible to ascertain who was shooting. Yesterday afternoon, continual mortar fire could be heard in Vinkovci which had been under bombardment for 11 days. Asked whether, in accordance with the ceasefire, services had been restored to the besieged Vinkovci barracks, the senior guard commander said that they had not because "the telephone, water and electricity facilities have all been damaged".

Sniper fire snapping over the fields indicated that it was too dangerous to enter Vukovar yesterday afternoon.

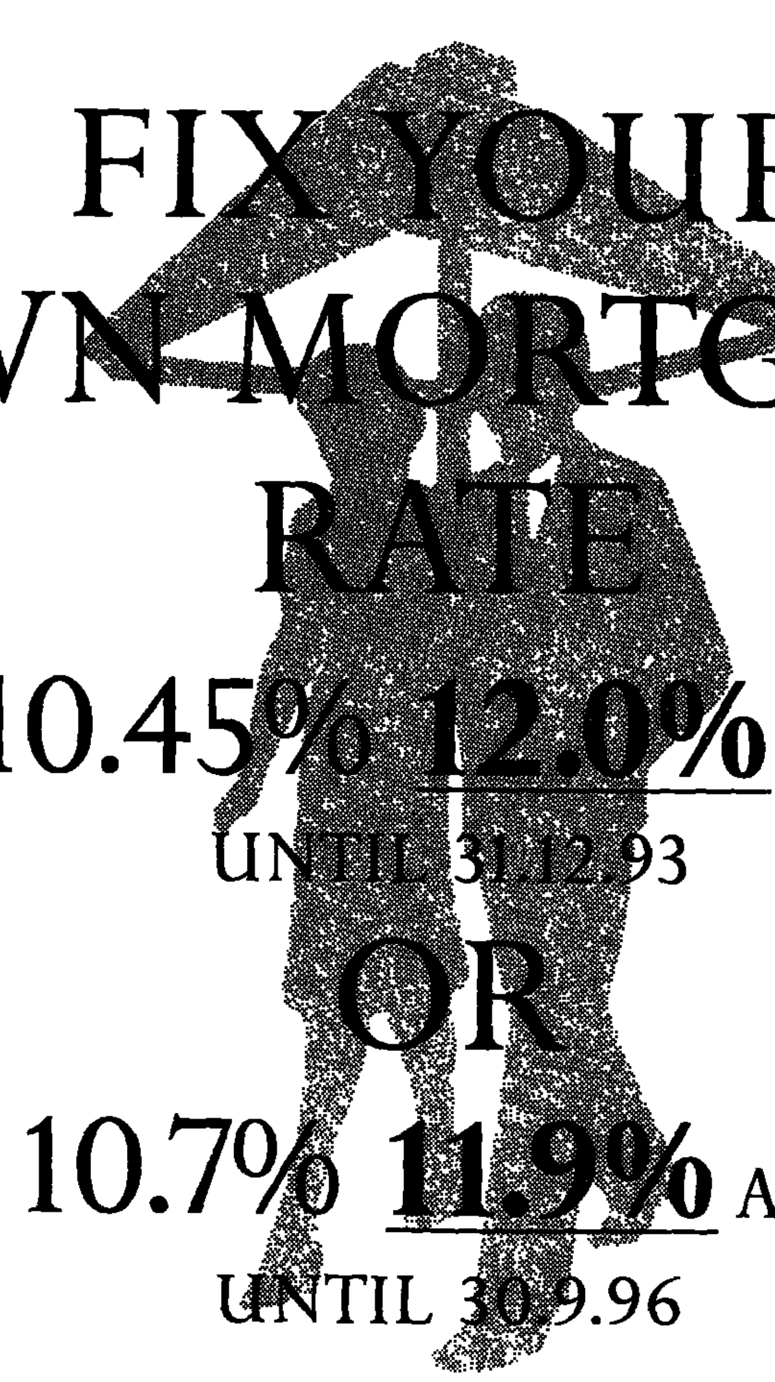
The cluster bomb in Bogdanovci was marked "CLUSTER HE 600LB NO. 1B MK3". Nineteen small craters pockmarked the street where the bomb had fallen and thousands of tiny shrapnel holes in gates, walls and trees and shattered windows bore testament to the bomb's force. The 12 wounded comprised eight civilians and four national guardsmen.

In the village of Stari Jankovci near by, a Yugoslav tank could be seen, a mile away, sheltering under greenery in the Serb village of Srijemske Laze. The tank could be seen only by climbing to the top of a wrecked house. A child's pot lay in the rubble; roses blossomed in the front garden.

Stari Jankovci is in the unenviable position of being caught between two hostile villages. Over the days and weeks a constant bombardment has severely damaged many houses and buildings in the village. The church tower teeters precariously after a direct hit and cabbages still grow in the gardens of houses abandoned and damaged by shell or mortar fire.

Few civilians remain in the front line villages. Two months ago it was still possible to cross the front line to talk to the Serb villagers on the other side. They talked of their fear of the Croats, their fresh memories of the genocidal wartime Croatian regime and the insults they felt they received from the present nationalist government in Zagreb.

Today, crossing the line is too dangerous. Doubtless their fears have now hardened into a mirror image of the Croatian determination to fight until the end. The prospect for peace looked as dim as ever in eastern Croatia yesterday afternoon. It became impossible to distinguish mortars from thunder.



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Britain claims its share of East Europe trade

As British industry chiefs begin a tour of Polish factories, **Roger Boyes** examines Western pledges

BRITISH industry yesterday launched a new offensive in Eastern Europe with a five-day tour of Polish factories by Sir Brian Corby, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry, and a team of senior businessmen. But a report compiled by the Vienna Institute for Economic Research shows that all the European Community countries are showing little commercial interest in the reforming economies of Central Europe.

Certainly British trade with Eastern Europe is lagging far behind that of Germany, France and Italy. The initiative by the CBI is supposed to reverse this trend. The Polish government was pleased with recent comments by Norman Lamont, the chancellor, and Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, committing Britain to open markets in such critical areas as textiles and farming products. This is an obvious rebuff to France, which is worried about cheap imports if Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary complete their EC association agreements.

Sir Brian, who is accompanied by executives from building, legal, office equipment and chemical companies, declared: "I think we should be opening our markets and I hope our confederation will have some influence on the European Community's stand on trade." The report by the Vienna institute shows that the current stagnation is more than a matter of freer access to Western markets.

Since the 1989 revolutions the Western industrialised nations, known as G24, have promised about $31 billion (£18 billion) to Eastern and Central Europe, excluding the Soviet Union. In addition there were credits from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to the tune of $9.4 billion (£5.5 billion) and Club of Paris debt forgiveness of $18.3 billion (£10.6 billion). But a closer look shows that only a third of the G24 help can be counted as joint assistance, and only a fraction of that has actually been paid out.

Concealed in the figures of one of the apparently most generous, Austria, is the fact that some 70 per cent of its bilateral assistance is earmarked for a motorway to the east – on the Austrian side of the border. Almost half of the G24 credit guarantees are aimed at encouraging the West's own exports and the credits are denominated at world market rates.

According to the institute, by the end of May only 13.1 per cent of the promised assistance had actually been passed on, and only 9.7 per cent of the promised credit lines had been taken up. Although the Soviet Union was not included in the Vienna study, European Commission statistics give their own insights into how a combination of bureaucracy and a lack of information is holding up the flow of Western assistance.

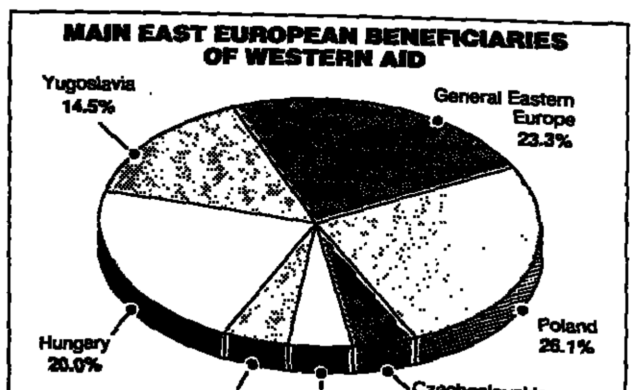
The 1990 Dublin summit first launched the idea of technical assistance for the Soviet Union. The assistance package of 400 million ecus (£281 million) was elaborated at two further summits and was considered by the council of ministers in April, 1991, approved by the European parliament the following month and ripened fully only at the council of minister session in July.

But not all the blame lies with the West. Mr Lilley has been urging the Foreign Investment Agency to speed up its procedures and the CBI plans to do the same during the current trip. Rapid privatisation is also regarded as crucial to attracting British and European investment.

Sir John Harvey-Jones, probably Britain's best-known businessman, recently toured privatised factories in Hungary and Poland and produced a checklist of problems that deter investors. He told President Walesa that Poland should develop an industrial policy to accompany its dash for the free market and compared Poland with Britain in 1980-1982 when manufacturing was reeling.

Poland's situation was ten times worse, Sir John noted. He also emphasised the need for basic education on how to assess profitability, and pressed for factory closures, not only on grounds of inefficiency but also of safety.

MAIN EAST EUROPEAN BENEFICIARIES OF WESTERN AID



Source: The Vienna Institute for Economic Research

Western aid pledges to Eastern Europe ($bn)

	Aid	Credits & guarantees	Total
G-24 states	9.1	21.9	31.0
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economic restructuring	4.4	5.2	9.6
currency stabilisation	1.4	5.5	6.9
humanitarian aid	2.8	0.3	3.1
export credit	0.6	10.8	11.4
IMF	-	4.1	4.1
World Bank	-	5.3	5.3

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Arafat pleads with Palestinians to seize the chance for peace

By RICHARD BEESTON

YASSIR Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, made an impassioned plea to hundreds of delegates to the Palestine National Council yesterday to approve a proposed Middle East peace conference, at the same time signalling to Washington that he will not stand in the way of American-led peace efforts. In probably one of the most critical addresses of his leadership, Mr Arafat told the members of the council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, that he was ready to lift the obstacles to regional peace talks and co-operate with all the parties involved.

The US-brokered conference is intended, for the first time since the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, to bring Palestinian and Israeli negotiators to the conference table. Its ultimate aim is to establish a homeland for the Palestinian people in return for recognition of Israel's right to exist.

Mr Arafat's announcement, at the heavily guarded conference centre outside Algiers, immediately put him at odds with still influencial hardliners in the PLO, most of whom had boycotted the meeting. One group, the Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, attempted to sabotage the council meeting by launching an armed attack against Israel.

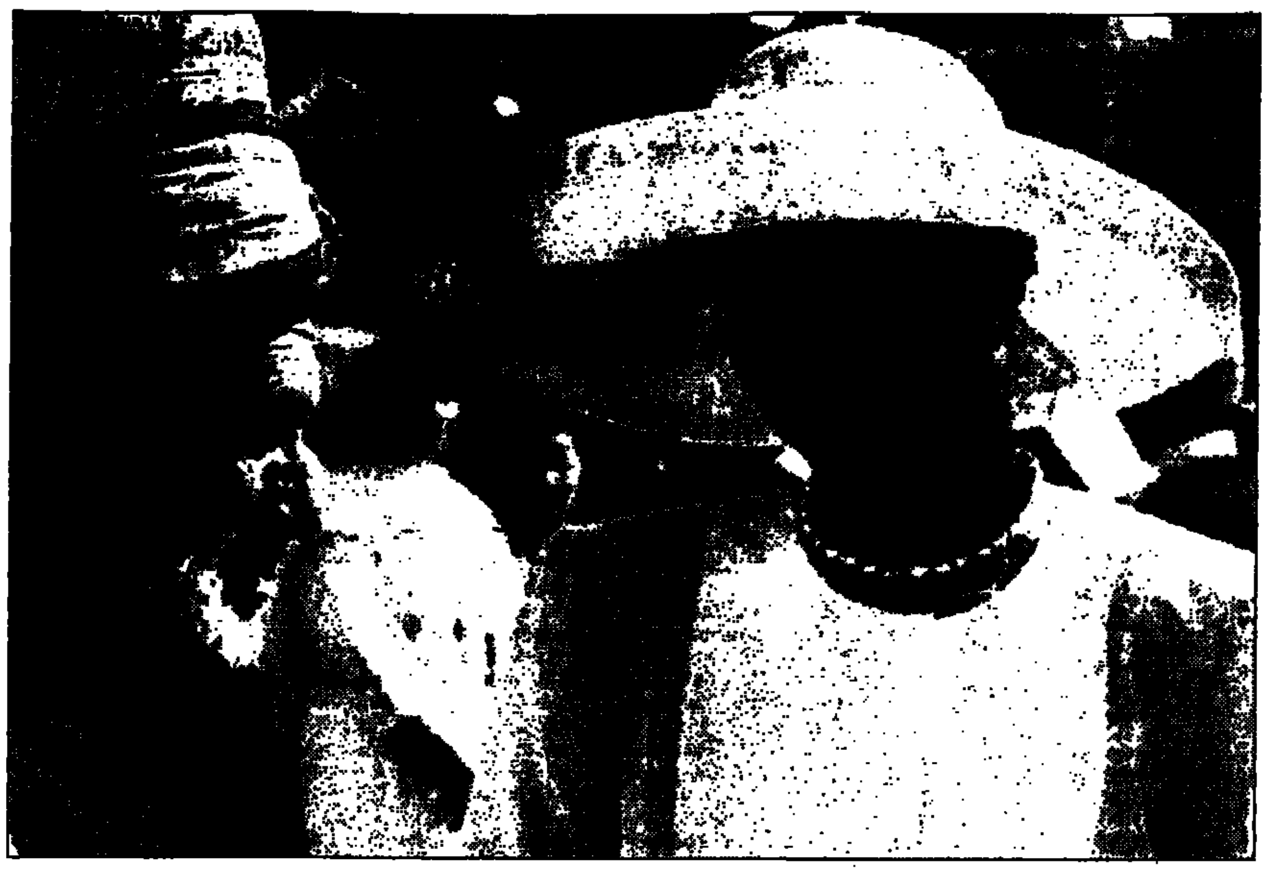
An Israeli Defence Force spokesman said yesterday that three heavily armed guerrillas were shot and killed as they tried to cross from Syria near Mount Hermon on Sunday night. In spite of this failed operation, Mr Arafat, who was greeted by a standing ovation, declared: "We renew our readiness to work with all the international parties to make the peace conference successful in realising the desire of the peoples of the area for just, stable and secure peace.

"We are ready to remove obstacles [to the conference] and we hope that others will do the same." Mr Arafat's unusually conciliatory language was in part aimed at the Arab world and the international community, which isolated the PLO last year for its enthusiastic support of Iraq

Traditionally uncompromising Palestinian guerrilla leaders yesterday reiterated their belief that attendance at the peace talks would be tantamount to capitulation. Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, told a press conference in Damascus: "The Palestinians are not ready for this comedy."

Khaled al-Fahoum, the leader of the radical Palestine National Salvation Front, put it even more bluntly when he said, referring to James Baker, the American Secretary of State: "We do not accept Baker's conditions for a delegation from the occupied territories excluding Jerusalem and with Israel's approval. This is not a delegation for negotiations. It would be a delegation invited to accept capitulation."

The message that Mr Arafat was trying to get across to the Palestine National Council members yesterday was that the Palestinian leadership, already in its most weakened position, cannot afford to be blamed by the rest of the world for destroying the best hopes in decades for peace



Local hero: the Princess of Wales talking to Jemadar Ali Haider, Pakistan's greatest hero from the second world war, in Rawalpindi yesterday. He was the only Pakistani to be awarded the Victoria Cross. Mr Haider was presented to the princess shortly after she arrived for a four-day visit. After laying a wreath at the Commonwealth war graves cemetery, she spotted the medal Mr Haider was wearing and asked: "Where did you get your VC?" The Pushtu, aged 78, from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, told her only that he was wounded during a river crossing in northern Italy fighting with British forces in 1945. In fact, he knocked out two German machinegun posts, crawling to the second and throwing a grenade after being wounded twice, a British military official said. The war cemetery was the first stop on the princess's tour. The visit was due to take place last year but was postponed when Benazir Bhutto, then prime minister, was removed. *(Reuter)*

Thai critic flees to the West

From NEIL KELLY
IN BANGKOK

SULAK Sivaraksa, Thailand's most outspoken critic of the military leaders who seized power last February, has left the country to avoid arrest on charges of insulting the monarchy and defaming army leaders. A Buddhist scholar of international renown, he is said to have arrived in Europe, where he will lecture in Britain and Germany.

Mrs Nilchavee, his wife, said yesterday that she believed and hoped he had left. After police issued a warrant for his arrest earlier this month, Mr Sulak took refuge in the German embassy in Bangkok. General Issarapong Noonpakdi, the interior minister and one of the junta leaders, said Mr Sulak would be given a fair trial. He was charged seven years ago with insulting the monarchy but that case was dropped, reportedly after King Bhumibol intervened.

In a speech last month Mr Sulak described the military leaders as despoilers of democracy, and said they had fulfilled none of the objectives which they said had justified the coup.

Hardliners play into Israeli hands

By RICHARD BEESTON

PALESTINIAN hardliners, who yesterday argued against participation in the proposed Middle East peace conference, will find no greater support for their stand than among their enemies in Israel's right-wing leadership.

While Israeli soldiers and Palestinian guerrillas may engage in clashes on the streets of refugee camps in the Gaza Strip or the badlands of southern Lebanon, the Jewish state has come to rely on Palestinian intransigence as a useful device of foreign policy. The self-defeating strategy was summed up by Abba Eban, the former Israeli foreign minister, who once said that "the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity".

With the benefit of hindsight, the greatest miscalculation by the Palestinians and their Arab allies was the rejection in 1947 of the partition by the United Nations of British-mandate Palestine, intended to divide the land into Jewish and Arab states. Israel accepted the offer of a small coastal area and was recognised as a state in 1948. But Arabs responded by attacking Israel in a doomed offensive which left the fledgeling country with more land. The pattern was to be repeated throughout the subsequent Arab-Israeli conflicts.

Arafat: must weigh up consequences of talks

Under Yassir Arafat's leadership the Palestine Liberation Organisation refused to recognise Israel and continued to demand its overthrow until 1988 when the Palestinian leader accepted the principle of territorial compromise, on the basis of UN resolutions passed two decades earlier. However, the conciliatory move proved to be short-lived after Palestinian guerrillas launched an abortive seaborne raid on the Israeli coast south of Tel Aviv. The PLO was ostracised by Washington once again and its isolation was compounded when Arab backers broke off relations after Palestinian support for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Although the Palestinians are being offered gradual autonomy only over the occupied territories on unattractive terms, their leaders will have to assess the consequences of non-participation. The Palestine National Council's rejection this week of the American-brokered peace plan would probably be enough to quash the hopes of James Baker, the Secretary of State, for a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian question.

However, it is possible that individual Arab states might abandon the Palestinian cause and sign a separate peace deal with Israel. At the very least a Palestinian rejection would remove pressure on Israel to make territorial concessions in exchange for peace.

Western troops to leave Turkey

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TURKEY announced yesterday that allied ground forces based on Turkish territory as a deterrent to Iraqi aggression against the Kurds are to be withdrawn.

The decision to "reshape" Operation Poised Hammer, leaving only fighter aircraft as a reminder of allied commitment to the Kurds, was announced on the day the United Nations took issue with Iraq for failing to comply fully with the ceasefire agreement over its weapons of mass destruction.

With the West determined to maintain maximum pressure on President Saddam Hussein, the announcement of the troop withdrawals could be seen as unfortunate timing. However, it was also announced that the number of American aircraft at Incirlik, in southern Turkey, is to be increased. More F111s and EF111s are to be sent, the Pentagon said.

The agreement to keep a rapid reaction force of about 4,750 air force, army and marine personnel, of which 2,155 were combat troops at Silopi and Batman near the Iraqi border, was due to expire next Monday. But there was an option to extend the time scale. The allied ground forces, which included 200 Royal Marines and additional British army personnel, are to be removed within 30 days. About 76 helicopters are also to be withdrawn.

But the Turkish foreign ministry said allied aircraft in Turkey, including eight RAF Jaguars based at Incirlik, could stay for another 90 days. America currently has 42 aircraft at Incirlik, the French have nine, and the Turkish air force has eight assigned to the reaction force. The announcement followed close consultations with the Western allies. A Turkish foreign ministry spokesman said that, under present conditions in the region, ground forces were not necessary. "The air presence at Incirlik is sufficient for deterrence," he added.

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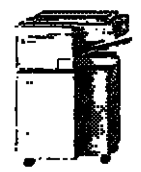

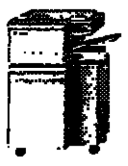

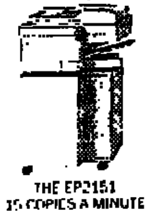

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Savimbi exploits his links with West to lure voters

From SAM KILEY IN JOHANNESBURG

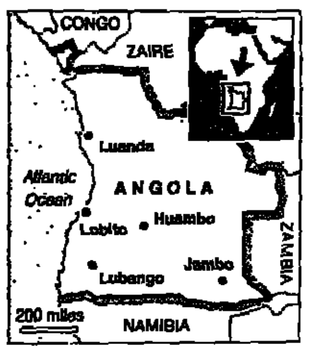
AFTER a 16-year civil war in which up to half a million people died, most of them civilians, Jonas Savimbi will take off today from the bush headquarters of his Unita movement and begin a five-day "victory tour" of Angola.

On Sunday he will enter the capital, Luanda, stronghold of his former enemy, the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) government, for the first time since 1975. Dr Savimbi, who received help from South Africa and America in his fight against the Soviet and Cuban-backed government of President Dos Santos, faces a test of his popularity in the run-up to next year's elections.

Unita poses an electoral threat to the government. Since the signing of a peace accord between the two sides in Lisbon on May 31, the president has been desperately trying to curry favour with the West, and the United States in particular, to secure aid.

Last week the former marxist leader, who once advocated a one-party state, told businessmen in Washington how much he looked forward to democratic, multi-party elections throughout Angola.

President Dos Santos also insisted that he harbours no animosity towards America for supporting Unita during the civil war, and that he enthusiastically backs full-blooded capitalism. President Bush responded with cautious enthusiasm for the ideological about-turn and offered financial aid for the elections, but said that America would not open a mission in Luanda until the ambassador could present his credentials to a democratically elected president.



"Since the Soviet Union made clear that it did not want anything to do with continuing the cold war in Africa two or three years ago, the writing has been on the wall for marxist regimes and Dos Santos is rightly taking a more pragmatic view," a Western diplomat based in South Africa said, adding "not least because Savimbi has many friends in the West and will continue to get money for humanitarian needs from Washington until there are elections."

Dr Savimbi, who trained in China before returning to form Unita in 1966, is much admired for the ruthless efficiency with which his organisation is run, but as he tours the cities of Huambo, Lubango and Lobito as a politician, not a general, he will have to consider the economic and social disorder facing Angola. Reconstruction will not be easy. Three-quarters of the country's teachers are said to be underqualified to teach in primary school and only 37 in 1,000 students go on into secondary education.

Oil-rich Angola's foreign debt is £3.47 billion and climbing. Prices double every year, and the International Monetary Fund has put pressure on the government to cut 70,000 civil service jobs and privatise 400 state-run companies. The transport system is also in disarray.

Although the austerity measures could prove to be an electoral boon for Dr Savimbi – who might reap the benefits of hardships imposed between now and next September – Angolans will also have high expectations of the guerrilla leader. As he explains the peace process during his tour, observers say that he will be thinking about how to produce a plan for economic growth to show that his alliance with America against the Soviet Union is as worthwhile in peace as it was effective in war.

"So far there have been positive signs that both sides are being constructive. They are clearing mines together along most of the main roads," one diplomat said. "But Angolans might tire of Savimbi's personality cult, if he appears unable to deliver some pretty exciting presents."

Prayers in the park: a woman caught up by religious fervour at Billy Graham's Central Park rally

Graham gospel sways sin city

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE preacher Billy Graham, who once denounced New York as a latter-day Sodom and Gomorrah, has delivered a new message of hope to the city's sin-loving residents.

Mimicking the Big Apple's tourist logo, the veteran evangelist told a crowd of a quarter of a million people in Central Park on Sunday: "God loves New York. He has not given up on this city because He does not give up on people."

Described by local newspapers as a "BYOB event" (Bring Your Own Bible), the Gospel service attracted the largest American audience that Dr Graham, aged 72, had ever addressed. Although he is a Baptist, even New York's Roman Catholic Archbishop, Cardinal John O'Connor, encouraged his followers to attend.

The mayor, David Dinkins, who was also present, described the gathering as "perhaps the most multicultural revival meeting the world has ever seen." As Dr Graham spoke, his words were simultaneously translated on local radio stations into three dialects of Chinese, Korean and Spanish. The crowd was just a third of that drawn by the singer Paul Simon's "Born at the Right Time" concert last month, but Dr Graham joked that his event should have been called "Born Again at the Right Time."

Echoing Frank Sinatra's famous line, he then announced: "If God can change New York, he can change anywhere." He caused a storm when he first preached in New York in 1956, mounting a fire-and-brimstone crusade at Madison Square Garden that ran for 16 weeks. At those sermons he read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah from the Bible, substituting New York for the names of the biblical cities of sin.

Dr Graham's next stop is Buenos Aires, where his sermon will be broadcast across Latin America through satellite hook-ups.

When diamonds are Trump's

By JAMES BONE

DONALD Trump's much-publicised affair with the "wannabe" actress Marla Maples is apparently over – except for the small matter of the engagement ring.

The New York property developer, who has fallen on hard times since divorcing his wife, Ivana, recently gave his Georgia Peach a $250,000 (£144,500) 7.45-carat diamond engagement ring. When the couple ended their 22-month romance this weekend after a reported "screaming match" that left Miss Maples in tears, New York's gossip-mongers immediately began to speculate about what is going to happen to the rock.

Anonymous friends have been quoted in local tabloids as saying that in their opinion Miss Maples would keep the diamond, bought just two months ago at a smart-set jewellers on Fifth Avenue. The New York *Daily News* even consulted a "noted matrimonial lawyer" who advised that under New York state law an engagement ring is a gift presented on the condition that there is going to be a marriage, and that who keeps it depends on who broke off the engagement.

The lawyer, Raoul Feldman, said that if the cash-strapped Mr Trump decides to sue for its return, the courts would probably rule in Miss Maples's favour. "More recent cases have indicated that chivalry is forced upon the man and she keeps the ring," he said.

The story of the ring may, however, have an added complication. Cindy Adams, a *New York Post* gossip columnist, reported that Mr Trump had not actually paid for it because of a deal struck with the jeweller that would benefit both of them with the resulting publicity.

"I got the ring for nothing," she quotes him as saying. "I mean, any schmuck can pay for it. You really think I would have paid this kind of money for an engagement ring for Marla? You got to have rocks in your head.

"Listen, no matter who Harry Winston [the jeweller] hired to promote him, no matter how much they paid a PR outfit, they could never have gotten the kind of publicity I gave them. It was headlines. It was worldwide. It was cheap for them."

News of the Trump-Maples split broke in an interview that the egotistical author of the *Art of the Deal* gave to a local gossip columnist, Richard Johnson. "I want to remain good friends with her. But it's time to step aside and look in other directions," he said, going on to describe the break-up as final.

Maples: screaming match left her in tears

Already there are headlines announcing that "The Donald, *sans* Marla, already out tomcatting after gorgeous new kitty." Within 24 hours of parting from Miss Maples, Mr Trump was sighted sharing a sofa at a club-owners' penthouse party with a slinky brunette and "slobbering all over her," it was reported.

Greece prepares to sell 35 islands

From CHRIS ELIOU IN ATHENS

OIL sheikhs or millionaires may be able to buy a Greek island, a privilege so far limited to Greek shipowners.

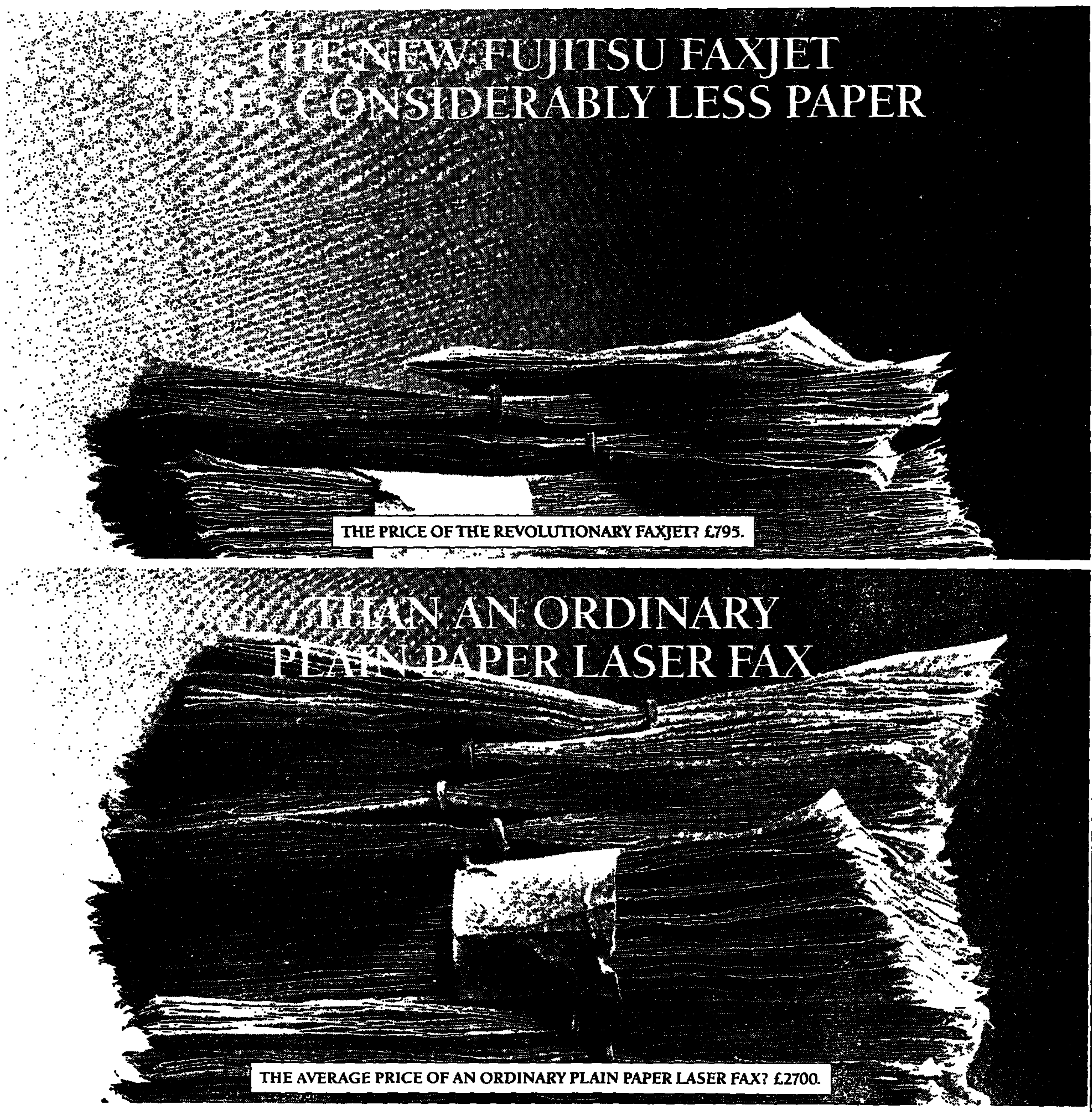
The Greek government is planning to sell 35 uninhabited, rocky islands to offset this year's public deficit, estimated at more than £1 billion. The islands, for sale under a new "land bond" system of selling state-owned property, are scattered round the bay of Argolis and the Peloponnese peninsula in the south. Only a few islands are privately owned by a handful of Greek shipping magnates, among them Stavros Niarchos and the Onassis estate.

The islands are among some 2,500, about 400 of which are populated. But none will be near the coast of Turkey with which Greece is at odds over Cyprus and oil-drilling rights in the Aegean Sea.

The government has not named its price, but sources put the minimum at £3 million. Efthimios Christodoulou, the national economy minister, said yesterday that sales would go ahead if there were "serious proposals" and offers were "satisfactory". Another government official said that the sale "is part of the government's policy on state or land bonds".

Byron Polytoras said the government "is studying the way in which [the policy] can be implemented to the benefit of the state after first assessing the usefulness of these rocky islands and, naturally, how much revenue there will be for the state". He said there would be a joint decision by the national defence ministry and the general staff. He rejected as "propaganda" reports claiming that "Greece or its islands were being put up for sale". The issue, he said, "will be decided in a realistic manner and our national interests will be safeguarded so that there will be no side-effects if and when a decision to sell is taken".

Despite a possible outcry, the government seems prepared to suffer the political cost. The independent daily *Kathimerini* described the plans as "makeshift solutions to the desperate situation of the public deficit". But a tourist official said that private ownership would lead to development that would benefit tourism.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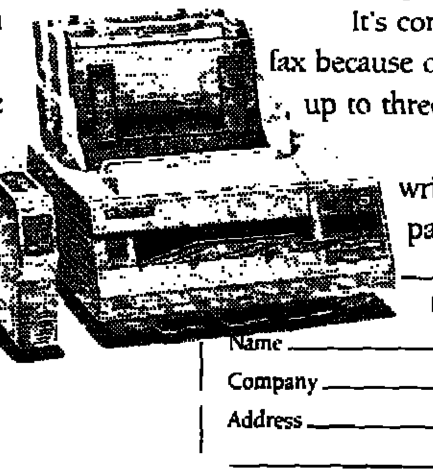

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Tajikistan leader ousted in backlash by party potentates

From CHARLES BREMNER IN MOSCOW

THE old Communist party in Soviet Tajikistan reasserted itself yesterday, replacing the republic's president with one of its former leaders and lifting a ban on the party's activities.

Thousands of demonstrators from the Islamic fundamentalist party and democratic reform groups ignored an emergency law imposed by the parliament in Dushanbe, the capital of the small Central Asian republic, to protest against the removal of President Kadreddin Aslonov and the revival of the Communist party which he banned soon after taking power last month. "The Communist party is betraying the Tajik people," the crowd chanted, as helicopters of the Omon interior ministry troops hovered overhead, according to the Tass.

The parliament appointed Rakhom Nabiyev, a former party leader as the new president, and ordered police to guard statues of Lenin, which had been defaced by anti-communist demonstrators last weekend. Deputies also demanded the arrest and prosecution of Mr Aslonov and Maksud Ikramov, the mayor of Dushanbe.

The backlash in Dushanbe reflects the determination of local party potentates to ignore events in distant and enfeebled Moscow and cling to power in their republic of five million, mainly Muslim people on the border of Afghanistan.The Tajik party was the first to revive itself since communist activities were outlawed in most of the 15 Soviet republics after the failure of the August 19 coup. Unreformed communists remain firmly in power in neighbouring Uzbekistan, where Islam Karimov, the president, has been conducting an old-fashioned drive against the party's opponents over the past week.

On Sunday, members of the Islamic Renaissance party, which is banned in both Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, issued an appeal to believers to put the mufti, the region's spiritual leader, in power instead of the president. A Muslim resurgence is one of several sources of tension in the Central Asian republics. Ethnic animosities sparked violent clashes in Tajikistan in February last year. About 50 people were killed when Soviet security forces were used to put down the unrest in Dushanbe. The subsequent state of emergency was only lifted this summer.

In Moscow, Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, and fellow democratic reformers issued fresh warnings of the danger of another coup by conservative forces. In view of the collapsing economy, "if extraordinary measures are not taken, we face national catastrophe," said Mr Shevardnadze, who was taking part in a meeting of the Democratic Reform Movement, a group which includes Gavriil Popov, the Moscow mayor, and Aleksandr Yakovlev, a former adviser to President Gorbachev.

Mr Popov said it was essential to rid the country of any euphoria over last month's victory over the diehards. "The easiness of our victory helped conservative forces to regroup," he said. "We removed the fools that were their leaders. Now they will find clever ones."

● **Gorbachev's man:** President Gorbachev has named Andrei Grachev, a former Communist party official, aged 50, to be his chief spokesman. Mr Grachev, who speaks English, French and Spanish, replaces Vitali Ignatenko, who was appointed head of Tass after last month's coup. *(Reuter)*

Armenia celebrates its independence

From ROBERT SEELY IN YEREVAN

AS THE Russian and Kazakhstan presidents continued to preside over negotiations with the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan on the ethnic conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, Armenia's jubiliant parliament yesterday formally declared independence from the Soviet Union.

If, under the chairmanship of Boris Yeltsin and Nursultan Nazarbayev, a peace agreement is reached between the two republics, Armenians will have settled on both peace and independence in an historic week. Armenian deputies yesterday spent only one hour in session, most of it a standing ovation as the official results of the referendum — 94.39 per cent of the electorate voting for independence — were read out.

Vazden I, the Katholicos of the Armenian Church which was founded in 301 AD, blessed the proceedings, saying: "Today another morning in the story of our people has begun. Let us remember our long journey through history." The independence resolution was read out by Aran Manukyan, a deputy who shares the same name as the founder of the only other Armenian state in modern history, which lasted from the 1918 to 1920. To applause, he said: "The supreme council of Armenia announces that the Republic of Armenia be declared an independent state."

After a hitch in the parliamentary computer system, the final vote was confirmed and a band broke into the Armenian national anthem amid cheering, kissing of cheeks and raised fists. Mr Yeltsin is expected to recognise the republic's independence shortly, forcing President Gorbachev to follow suit and freeing Western governments to do likewise.

The negotiations to end the fighting in and around Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian dominated enclave in Azerbaijan, had last night centred on the reinstatement of the autonomous region's former status with an Armenian dominated administration, and a framework for detailed peace discussions. Gerard Liberieyan, a presidential aide, said: "The important issue for us: the right of people to speak to their elected leaders, is not negotiable." However, the Armenians have temporarily relaxed their demands that Nagorno-Karabakh be returned to the republic. They are now demanding that any peace process to normalise life be accompanied by guarantees from Russia and Kazakhstan.

Nazarbayev: helping to bring peace to enclave

Back on stage: Raisa Gorbachev, accompanied by President Gorbachev, making her first public appearance since the coup attempt at a Moscow dinner last night

US seeks Soviet aid talks

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration, in the latest sign that it is easing its opposition to bringing the Soviet Union into the international fold, is urging its industrial allies to meet for discussions on the Soviet economy.

The pressure comes after signals that Washington would like to encourage faster membership for the Soviet Union of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. American officials were reluctant at a meeting two months ago to grant full Soviet access. But the failed coup a month later jolted America into taking seriously the reform plans of democracy-minded leaders.

To some extent, the emerging shift in policy also reflects efforts by officials to reap political credit. The administration wants to avoid criticism for being caught off guard by the Kremlin coup, or too focused on Moscow and President Gorbachev rather than on other reform-minded Soviet politicians. As the Soviet Union has intensified its demands for aid, American officials have also become keen to look towards the IMF and World Bank rather than to their own coffers.

Russians beat path to Scottish bakery

By KERRY GILL

TWO Scottish bakers are this week struggling to supply hundreds of thousands of people in St Petersburg with Scotch pies, baps, scones and loaves after one of the city's biggest bakeries went up in smoke.

The opening of the Karavi ovens, named after the large loaf traditionally broken to welcome visitors to northwest Russia, has led to queues and traffic jams around the bakery after a fire last Wednesday destroyed St Petersburg's No 6 Bakery. The huge plant used to supply 30 per cent of the eight million people living in the city.

Peter and Tommy Ford, of Prestonpans, near Edinburgh, had opened their small bakery just two days before the blaze, with the modest aim of supplementing bread supplies. Instead they are now besieged by hungry citizens.

Housewives are queuing for more than an hour to buy their pies and loaves. "We are doing all that we can," said Tommy Ford, the bakery owner. "The queues outside our shop are staggering. Bread supplies have fallen dramatically," said Mr Ford, who bakes wearing a kilt, almost as much as an attraction as his pies and loaves.

Production at their Karavi bakery has been stepped up by the Fords and their 25 Russian staff to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once the bread shortage ends the brothers, in business for 60 years, plan to open another 20 shops in St Petersburg and introduce Scotch doughnuts. "We began the venture to open up trade opportunities in the Soviet Union. It is a massive market, but we never thought we would have been getting involved in such a big challenge as this," said Mr Ford.

Slovakia fends off secession

Prague — Slovakia's parliament yesterday threw out a motion to consider issuing a declaration of sovereignty, thus fending off moves to break Czechoslovakia in two.

Nationalists have been pressing for independence since the communist regime fell in 1989. *(Reuter)*

Colombo row

Colombo — President Premadasa is to reopen parliament today amid fears of disruption. He suspended parliament last month to delay debate on an impeachment motion signed by 120 government and opposition MPs, who accuse him of violating the constitution. *(Reuter)*

Quake forecast

Tokyo — An earthquake with an epicentre directly beneath Tokyo, or in the sea off the nearby Boso peninsula is likely to occur in the next few months, Masaaki Kimura, a Japanese oceanographer has predicted. He also said that Mount Fuji may erupt soon. It last erupted in 1707. *(AFP)*

Sir Joh on trial

Sydney — The trial of Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, aged 80, began in Brisbane with two of the three charges of corruption being dropped. His trial comes after a royal commission investigation into 20 years of corruption in Queensland's political and public life while Sir Joh was premier.

Bogus doctor

Johannesburg — A South African man was convicted of causing the deaths of three babies during ten years as a bogus pediatrician. Andre Esterhuizen was also convicted of practising medicine without being qualified or registered. Sentence will be passed later. *(Reuter)*

Lamont refuses to trade in pound for the ecu

> In the drive to a single European currency, the UK still seeks a detour, **George Brock writes**

BRITAIN has not decided to trade in the pound for the ecu by signing a treaty on European monetary union, as some reports of the weekend performance in The Netherlands of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, suggested — at least not yet.

Mr Lamont's aim is a monetary treaty, to be signed at the Maastricht European Community summit in December, that will satisfy Britain as well as its EC partners. But he has to reconcile British involvement in the detailed negotiations for monetary union with easily inflamed suspicions on the Conservative back benches that he is conspiring to sell the pound down the river.

As the Maastricht summit looms, several of the EC countries with weaker economies have been conceding ground to ensure the treaty will be ready on schedule. Mr Lamont hopes this momentum will help him force concessions from his opponents at the last minute and so avoid a treaty that locks Britain into eventual monetary union with only the date of entry left undecided.

In contrast, his opponents hope the momentum achieved by the EMU negotiations will allow them to pressure Britain into signing up for the final goal of union. At their weekend meeting in the Dutch town of Apeldoorn, Mr Lamont and the other EC finance ministers reached informal agreements which will now be turned into treaty language by Dutch officials.

Every point is subject to Britain's "reserve", which allows British delegates to discuss everything without being committed to anything. The points agreed are:

☐ The currencies of the Twelve cannot unite simultaneously. Economic convergence will be encouraged, but some will be ready before others. The EC's leaders will decide which countries are ready for a single currency. That will not happen before 1997. Mr Lamont is confident that Britain will meet the membership requirements for the first wave if the government of the time wants to join it.

☐ A quorum of at least seven states will be required to start this process. The Dutch suggestion of a minimum of six has been rejected. Belgium recommends seven, Britain eight.

☐ As the final locking of currencies is being prepared, individual governments will confirm their decisions to opt in to the system. The so-called "Delors compromise", originally offered to Britain, is open to all.

☐ The criteria for deciding which economies qualify will not be mathematical or automatic. Vaguely defined "political considerations" will be taken into account. That formula is largely for the benefit and comfort of the Italians, frightened of being left out of the top team. Germany, whose bankers will dominate the actual decisions if and when they come to be made, is likely to interpret this agreement restrictively.

☐ The European central bank, which will be responsible for the single ecu currency, will not be born until the currencies are merged. The monetary institute will be killed off at the same time.

☐ The excluded economies may be able to attend meetings of the central bank but will take no part. This is "two-speed EMU" in all but name.

Britain made some concessions on the way to agreeing these points, but still requires one last and important extra flexibility: an escape clause. As a Treasury official put it: "We want the option of going in at the start. We want the option of staying out and then going in. And we want the option of keeping out and staying out."

The draft treaty grants the first two of these wishes, but firmly closes off the option to stay out permanently. Britain is being asked to sign a commitment that the pound will eventually be merged with the common currency. Britain has offered an alternative text that leaves the final destination open, but little has recently been heard of it.

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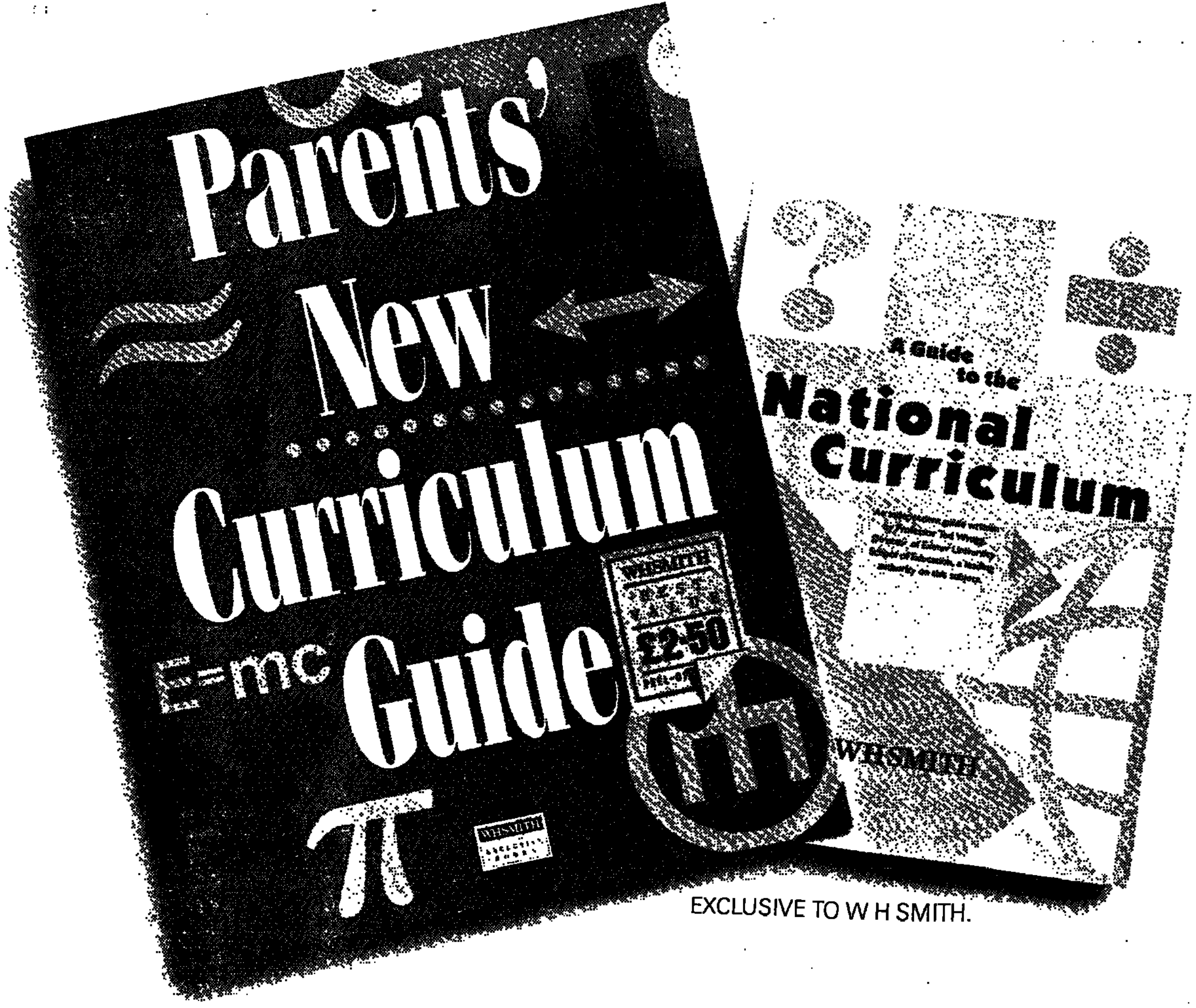
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Slowly but sensibly, employers are realising that they will benefit by helping women to balance their jobs against their home lives

Mother of all battles in the workplace

Lucy Daniels, the director of the Working Mothers' Association (WMA), would like Angela Rumbold — minister of state at the Home Office — to know that she is a real woman. Mrs Rumbold recently enquired at a meeting of Soroptomists where all the "real women" behind such seemingly faceless organisations, were. Enter Mrs Daniels, aged 38, who from her small office two floors up on the *Holloway Road*, north London, has nagged long and hard to make employers more sympathetic to the plight of the working mother. The fruit of her hard labour can be seen at the House of Commons tomorrow, when the association celebrates its tenth anniversary by launching its *Working Parents' Handbook* and — early next month — its employer's award for the boss who has done most for working-parent employees.

Since the WMA was founded in 1981 in a social worker's home in south London, it has notched up an impressive list of achievements, including persuading the Shell International Petroleum Company to instal highchairs in the canteen at London's southbank for visiting offspring; nudging National Grid into providing childcare vouchers; running employer-sponsored courses for staff at Pedigree dog foods and the Yorkshire police; and encouraging Allied Dunbar into setting up a workplace nursery. Joan Baird, the social worker who initially advertised through the National Childbirth Trust for other working mothers to set up a local support group, never envisaged the dramatic effect it would have ten years later. "People heard about us through the grapevine (including an article in *The Times)* and began setting up branches in the rest of the country," Mrs Daniels says.

At the time, Mrs Daniels was a self-employed marketing expert for electronic manufacturers with two small daughters, so was well-versed in the working mothers' tightrope act. When the sitting room ran out of space, she set up an impromptu head office in her husband's office before applying for charitable status to raise cash for full-time staff and a more permanent base. The National Council of Voluntary Organisations — which helped draft the application for £50 — advised her not to push the term "working mothers" on the form ("they weren't considered a good charitable cause") but to highlight the association's "promotion of the welfare of children".

Mrs Daniels and some friends took a suitcase of written enquiries received from other working parents to the health department. "We opened it and said: 'Look, you've got to help us. You're going to see a lot more women going back to work and they need advice from people like us.' "

The upshot was a grant of £15,000 a year for the next three years (this has just been extended with an extra £20,000 for group development work). Since then, some companies have been persuaded to put their money where their mouths are: Reed Personnel Services (which sponsors next month's employer awards) donated £20,000 to support the information line at the newly-opened Holloway Road office, Digital Equipment donated £25,000 worth of computers in 1989 while National Westminster Bank coughed up £6,000 for the association's Employer Guide to Childcare (published earlier this year) and BHS parted with £10,000 to publish this month's *Working Parents Handbook* (price, £4.50) — to be launched by Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, which covers childcare and methods of encouraging the boss to help you out (flexitime, job sharing, childcare vouchers, and son on).

> ‘We've got to make employers more flexible, otherwise we'll kill ourselves in an attempt to be superwomen’

The targeting of employers is indicative of the change in the WMA's approach since that first sitting room meeting: "The Eighties were a decade of getting both women and their bosses used to the new maternity act which enabled mothers to take time off. But there was still antagonism from office staff. In contrast, the WMA believes the 1990s are a time for getting employers to tackle practicalities, such as family-orientated working hours for both sexes. Significantly, its profile has changed: besides the professional members of its early days (ranging from doctors to lawyers) who want to work, its 151 nationwide groups now include nurses and shop assistants who have to, plus two fathers (one of whom is a childminder). There are also 100 employer members (as diverse as The Law Society and Coventry City Council) who want to help their staff run both home and office smoothly.

The winner of last year's employer award (the first time the awards were introduced) was Oxfordshire county council which had extended maternity leave to those who were not legally entitled, besides providing paternity leave and running a play scheme. It used the award (and accompanying Wedgwood trophy) to embellish its job advertisements.

This year's shortlist of 13 includes giants such as American Express who can afford workplace nurseries, opportunities for part-timers and funding of parent information service in Brighton, and Elida Gibbs which links suitable childminders with staff and runs short shift sessions at its Leeds base so that mothers can be home for school collection. Among smaller firms are BMG Records (gives an extra 12 weeks maternity leave with pay, two weeks for paternity leave and £50 worth of childcare vouchers per week) and Chiltern District Council (flexitime, a day nursery and an after-school club).

Other company breakthroughs — not necessarily on the short list — include those firms such as Boots which have set up in-house support groups and BP, which pays the WMA to set up a full time enquiry desk within the company to answer childcare and other queries. Significantly, 75 per cent of such enquiries come from men whose wives are going back to work or whose family has been disrupted through job locations.

Despite these worthy commitments, Mrs Daniels is under no illusions as to why firms are backing working mothers: "It has little to do with equal ops, but more to do with economics. Midland Bank would say as it costs a year's salary to replace someone, if that salary was £18,000 it's worth subsidising childcare (which costs a lot less) in order to retain a loyal member of staff." What if a new mother throws in her job after benefiting from that subsidised childcare? "Then I would sympathise with the employer's predicament, but still maintain it's a woman's right to choose."

While the WMA is more hopeful for working mothers under John Major's rule than Mrs Thatcher's — although it fears ministers are still "scared" of supporting working mothers and incurring the wrath of those at home — Mrs Daniels is sceptical about such initiatives as Opportunity 2000. The government scheme (expected to be unveiled at the Conservative party conference) to persuade companies to promote a balance of sexes throughout its ranks will only work, she says "if the policy really is continued right down the line instead of people being prepared to share power just at the top. It also depends on individual commitment: the chairman might have a daughter who's itching to return to work so will be sympathetic. But he could be replaced by someone with different views."

The *Working Parents Handbook* refers to parents as opposed to mothers because the association believes "that fathers play a much more active part in childcare than they did ten years ago", Mrs Daniels says. "Men do need our help. One reason many do not do more is because they see themselves as amateurs. If men are given access to the right information, I truly believe they will use it." In the next decade the association hopes to break down the "corporate culture" which decrees that those who leave the office before 6pm are wimps. "One of our members worked in Finland for three months, where the office was empty at 5pm," Mrs Daniels says. "We've got to make employers more flexible, otherwise we'll kill ourselves in an attempt to be superwomen."

The WMA practises what it preaches. No one looks down their nose if Mrs Daniels (now a full-timer at the association) scoots off to a school concert, especially since she hopes her work will help her own daughters (now aged ten and seven) when they grow up: "Women can be accused of not helping women so, looking back over the last ten years, I'm proud that we were angry enough to do something about it."

JANE BIDDER

Lucy Daniels: ‘Women can be accused of not helping women so, looking back over the last ten years, I'm proud that we were angry enough to do something about it’

TOMORROW

Will Britain suffer a female brain drain?

Working on the school's terms

Term-time working is the latest idea which will help mothers who want a part-time job. Long school holidays have always presented particular difficulties for women who could manage to juggle their jobs around the 8.30 to 3.30 timetable but who often found the logistics of two breaks of four weeks at Easter and Christmas and a summer holiday of at least six weeks insurmountable. British Home Stores, which has three women on its board, plans to introduce term-time working into its 137 branches next January.

Retail stores are in an increasingly competitive market. They want to attract and retain their female staff and they want to improve their image to customers who are mostly women. "There has not been pressure on employers until now to fit in with mothers' schedules but we would be crazy in investment terms not to give them every opportunity to come back," says Helena Packshaw, BHS's marketing director, who has three children under ten.

"I have always been lucky, I have an absolutely brilliant nanny. During the long summer holidays, for instance, we go away as a family at the beginning of July so she has a separate holiday at the same time. Then she is, supposedly, fresh as she starts the long break with them. I thought it would get easier as they get older but it is actually more difficult.

"There is always a large pool of students and older schoolchildren who want to work during the holidays so we don't have to worry about not having enough staff to cover those periods.

"It wasn't difficult getting the idea of term-time working across to other board members because we are all fairly young and our human resources department has been looking for new ways of being clever rather than following the paternalistic or maternalistic pattern which employers have adopted in the past."

The company has about 15,000 employees, 95 per cent of them women. Term-time workers will get the same benefits — maternity leave, private health insurance and a company pension — as other part-time staff but they will not earn the same entitlements as quickly as their full-time counterparts. A part-time worker, for instance, will have to work for five years to qualify for the maternity leave it would take a full-time worker two years to achieve.

A year and a half ago the company dropped its mobility clause from staff contracts and there are now 27 female store managers. The mobility clause meant that employees had to be prepared to go to any store in the country, which generally prevented married women with children getting promoted.

Tracy Popplestone, aged 28, the manager of the Bromley branch, who has two sons aged eight and six, said: "Term-time working is something my staff have been asking for for some time. Store managers have bent the rules in the past by letting employees save up their days off for school holidays but having a proper contract will be wonderful. I have a lot of Saturday staff who are really pleased about it because they want to work Monday to Friday but could not do so because of the holidays.

"Having more females in management means there is more awareness of the problems women have trying to cope, bringing up their children and working. Dropping the mobility clause increased dramatically the number of women who became store managers."

Not every company likes the idea. A spokeswoman for Marks & Spencer said: "We don't operate term-time working because it would not be commercially suitable for our stores. Nor would it be expedient because the time we might need women most could be at Christmas or during the summer holidays."

Tracy Popplestone is none the less convinced of the benefits. Term-time working, she says, "made a tremendous difference to me. I have one of the largest stores in the group but before, I was reconciled to not getting any further in my career, because I was not prepared to move from one end of the country to another. At the moment the area managers are all men, but I am working on that."

HEATHER KIRBY

Migraine is a real pain

Pain is difficult to assess and none more so than pain in the head. Nearly everyone has headaches, but for migraine sufferers they are disabling. A new report suggests that migraine could be costing Britain more than £200 million a year in lost production. Yet many sufferers are still treated with scant sympathy.

Most headaches are transient and trivial, which makes it difficult for a doctor to determine which are serious enough to need treatment. Many are self-induced — by drinking or smoking, for example. Anxiety, tension, stress and depression all cause headaches. But often the sufferer is unwilling to accept that his or her headache is the result of, say, conflict at work.

Migraines have the same causes, but a different result, although this difference is difficult to define. Their main symptom is a pulsating headache, made worse by any movement. Increased sensitivity to light and noise features in about half of all cases, and nausea in about a third. But the visual aura, often thought to be the the most common symptom, is present in only a quarter of cases.

In Britain, about 10 per cent of the population is estimated to suffer from migraines. But an international study showed that its incidence increases towards the Mediterranean, ranging from 8 per cent in Sweden to 19 per cent in Italy. Wine consumption is thought to be a factor. However, cultural differences also affect the experience of pain. "As you go north through Europe the pain threshold rises," says Dr F. Ensink, author of the study. "In southern Italy if you get a pain it's a serious matter."

Findings such as this encourage speculation that many with migraine are malingerers. "It is sometimes said that every headache in Hampstead is a migraine and every migraine in Lewisham is a headache," says Dr Nat Blau, a consultant neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology in London, joint author of this week's report (*Migraine*, £3 from the Office of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall, London SW1 2DY).

> Sufferers can be a headache in terms of time off and do not always arouse sympathy

However a Canadian study by Dr Jane Osterhaus, a psychologist, found that on all measures migraine sufferers reported worse chronic illness than sufferers from diabetes, angina, and chronic lung disease. "Perhaps it is because they have better coping skills that they don't appear to be so ill," she said. "Or maybe migraine, like pre-menstrual tension and ME (chronic fatigue syndrome), is a focus for other pain — the pain of living." In Dr Osterhaus's study of 1,000 migraine sufferers, 40 per cent were suffering from depression. "Whether the headache causes the depression or the depression the headache, we don't know", she said.

In Britain, much pain is needlessly endured because sufferers are reluctant to consult doctors with a mere "headache". There is fear, too, often seen among new recruits to the 9,000-member British Migraine Association. "Once they start they pour their hearts out," Jo Liddell, the association's founder, says. "They are frightened that they have got a brain tumour or are going blind or mad, or will lose their job. Basically they need reassurance. Migraine is nature's way of saying stop."

Stress and depression are the most common causes of migraine, Dr Blau says. But many sufferers can identify triggers such as caffeine, chocolate and wine. Hormones play a part, too. Migraine is equally common in both sexes until puberty, but among adults it is twice as common in women. "The Pill makes it worse and pregnancy makes it better," Dr Blau says. "Hormone replacement therapy may make it worse. There is clearly a hormonal factor."

There is no evidence that more people than before are suffering from migraine, but there is growing interest in it. This could be because of a greater awareness of how much migraine costs the economy, but is more likely in response to the development of sumatriptan (Imigran), a new migraine drug. This week's *Migraine* report was funded by the pharmaceutical industry.

Sumatriptan does appear to be more effective and has fewer side effects than existing migraine drugs, bringing new hope to Britain's six million sufferers, and millions more around the world. But it is also very expensive and has sent the share price of Glaxo, its manufacturer, to new heights. The drug may be good news for sufferers, but its price will create another giant headache for the cash-strapped National Health Service.

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The materialistic view

Innovative fashion often begins with fabric, but are we ready for the Bri-Nylon evening dress? Liz Smith reports

The scraps of fabric pinned to the sketch of every outfit in a fashion collection play a more significant role in the design of the garments than their postage-stamp size suggests. Ask a fashion designer about the inspiration behind the line of a coat or a skirt, and he or she will admit that the best designs are dictated by the performance of the fabric.

Jean Muir's soft tailoring, with its pin-tucked detailing, seems to evolve naturally from her favourite fabrics, jersey, wool crêpe and suede. Courrèges in the 1960s sculpted firm wool gaberdine in sugary shades into trapeze mini-dresses. Gazar is a gauzy silk, firm but feather-light, that will be permanently fused to the memory of the curving, sculpted creations of Cristóbal Balenciaga. It was invented for him in 1958 by Gustave Zumsteg, of Abrahams, the Swiss textile manufacturer. Zagar, a heavier "super gazar", followed in 1964.

In their book on Balenciaga, Marie Andrée Jouve and Jacqueline Demornex agree that gazar and, in 1965, Zika Ascher's multi-coloured tufted mohair provided the germ of the idea for many of Balenciaga's memorable designs. Gazar gave Balenciaga "a texture, a thickness, a stiffness and a weight as essential to the master as Carrara marble to the sculptor".

The analogy is apt. A couturier traditionally works like a sculptor, standing before a mannequin, moulding fabric to the body. The wall of swatches pinned to sketches is usually supplemented by a personal book or file of sketches and fabric swatches that travel everywhere with a designer.

Over the top: a giant gazar bow on a velvet Bruce Oldfield dress

An elaborate sketch is not needed to picture the taut drape to dresses, tops and skirts that designers such as Donna Karan, Gaultier, Armani and Nicole Farhi might achieve with a stretch jersey. Washed silks and microfibres mean fashionably soft trenchcoats, easy blazers, padded parkas. Thick wool facecloth and velours that take dye so well fall perfectly when used generously for the brightly-coloured short swing coats in fashion again this year. Gazar is back, too, with taffeta and organza. All conjure up images of the bouncy skirts that have billowed down the catwalks in recent couture seasons.

Bruce Oldfield carries on a love affair with gazar despite the fabric's wilful temperament. "I think it is divine," he says. "It does exactly what it wants to do. But it is brilliant for a big, full overskirt over a jewelled frock. It makes a wonderful shoosh of a bow on one hip or an overskirt you whisk out of the way as you sit down, and it sticks out without having to weight it. It's a cloth for summer more than winter."

Helen Storey is a trend-setting designer and British Fashion Council award-winner whose use of futuristic fabrics has pushed fashion forward this decade. She works closely with ICI, Courtaulds and Du Pont, using their fibres in unexpected ways.

She spent a day recently in Harrogate at the ICI vaults, and her finds have inspired much of her next collection. ICI has remade Bri-nylon, its Fifties lingerie fabric, for her new line in draped evening dresses, and an ICI parachute fabric has dictated her new, voluminous trousers. She uses Courtaulds' stretch acetate satin and acetate Soirelle jersey as well as a metallic jersey originally developed to intensify light in greenhouses.

"They are magicians, and there are no rules," Miss Storey says. "I love using cloth invented for purposes other than clothes." The latest Storey collection also includes a heavy organza underskirt made from a mesh used in road construction.

London-based Roland Klein, who was trained at the Chambre Syndicale fashion school in Paris and worked first at Patou and Dior, has always followed the traditional route for his design inspiration. "Handling fabric and learning how to use it and cut it is the first thing a designer must learn. It is the most exciting part of the job," he says. He can see how this season's swing coat has developed from the popularity of the simple serape, which is a length of cloth at its most primitive. "Nobody wants heavily tailored clothes today," Mr Klein says.

In his next season's collection, he is working with a colourful silk and wool tweed that is woven so loosely it must be mounted on muslin, and the hems of the skirts must be bound or pasted with Staflex to hold their shape. Like every other designer, he is about to order the cloth that will inspire the shape of his collection for winter 1992-93.

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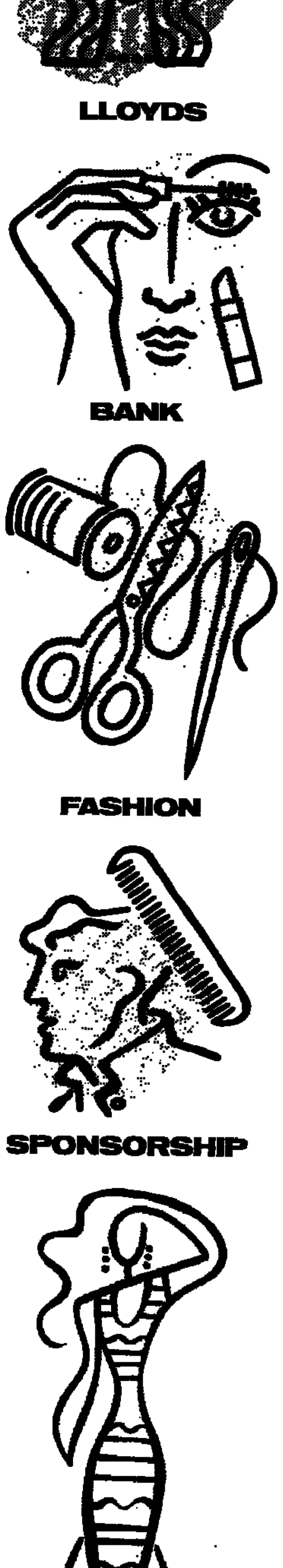
Cutting his cloth: thick wool swing coat over toning check suit, both by Roland Klein



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Images made to last

The rich work of Fornasetti, the Italian designer, is enjoying a 1990s revival

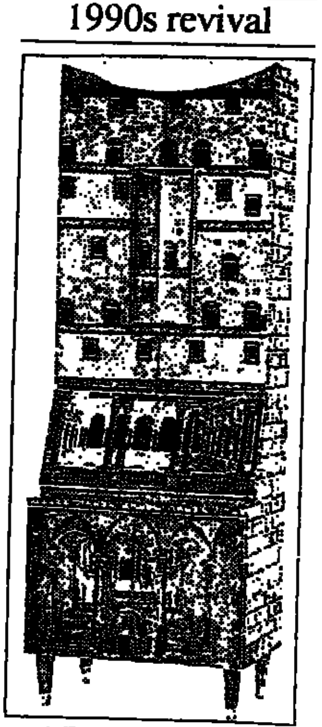
Piero Fornasetti, the Italian designer, was the Peter Greenaway of surface decoration. His unsettling images and rich allusions shock, delight and inspire. Now his work is enjoying fresh affirmation – among practising designers, among collectors of original Fornasetti artefacts and among those buying new pieces bearing his distinctive graphics.

This autumn Fornasetti's life and work is the focus of an exhibition at the Victoria & Albert museum, the subject of an illustrated book and the inspiration for a range of new accessories and furnishing fabrics on sale at Liberty's Regent Street store in London.

"Fornasetti could be aptly described as a visionary," Christopher Wilk, the exhibition curator, says. "He was a designer but at the same time an artist, illustrator, printer, graphic designer, craftsman, manufacturer and businessman whose products were sold in shops (including his own) and stores throughout the Western world."

Fornasetti's output was prodigious. Lamps, umbrella stands, chairs, cabinets, screens, trays, plates, coffee pots, bookends, ashtrays and wastepaper bins all had their place in his repertoire. He viewed these everyday objects as a canvas for conveying wit and meaning, saying: "Something beautiful does not become less so, even when it is reproduced twenty or thirty thousand times."

Liberty stocked Fornasetti's furniture in the mid-1950s when his work enjoyed enormous acclaim. Popularity declined during the next two decades, but a revival of interest was fired by the 1980 opening of the Themes & Variations gallery of London designers Giuliana Medda and Lilian Fawcett. Fresh applications for Fornasetti's graphics are now being developed by Barnaba, his son. Some duvet covers, for example, will be on sale at Liberty along with other items previously available only at the Fornasetti shop in Milan.



A Fornasetti cabinet

Ewan Douglas, a Liberty buyer, says: "Many of the pieces are one-offs prepared especially for the store. We chose the designs and asked the Fornasetti family to have them made up for us. The scope was phenomenal. It is amazing how strong the designs still look and how relevant they are, as part of the whole 1990s movement towards more eclectic interiors."

Mr Wilk agrees that it is time to appreciate Fornasetti's work again. "Surface decoration is one of the issues in designs and architecture right now," he says. "Fornasetti devoted himself to surface decoration."

The exhibition is packed with 455 pieces arranged according to Fornasetti's favourite themes: architecture, faces, hands, suns, nature, illusionism, the harlequin, music and playing cards. All the manufactured items are from Fornasetti's own collection, now owned by his son, since the artist kept samples of everything that was made.

Fornasetti, who lived and worked in Milan until his death in 1988, returned to the same themes time and again, sometimes reworking an image 40 years after developing the *leitmotif*. He was heavily influenced by the Surrealist movement, and his work also has an element of play – seeing one object in terms of another or bringing together remotely-related images to create a multi-dimensional world on a two-dimensional surface. The Adam & Eve series of plates infer a whole body by showing its fragments on each plate. Umbrella-holders become columns; an amphitheatre is transformed into a sideboard; a huge column becomes a standard lamp base; a tiny detail blows up over an entire cabinet. Ettore Sottsass, the founder of the Memphis design group, says: "It is an invented world, intellectually and emotionally designed."

Yet the exhibition also underlines the limitations of Fornasetti's art. Much of what is known as his furniture, for example, was designed by Gio Ponti and decorated by Fornasetti. Similarly, he decorated the blank ceramic forms made by firms such as Eschenbach or Richard Ginori.

However, for a designer with no formal training, who upset design's canonical form-follows-function relationship, Fornasetti made his mark with an approach so multi-layered, so richly personal, that a single product never exhausted the possibilities of an image. The return to decoration may well be a theme for the 1990s. But a good imagination it seems, never goes out of fashion.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● *Fornasetti: Designer of Dreams opens at the Victoria & Albert Museum on October 2 and runs until January 19, 1992. The eponymous book by Patrick Mauries (Thames & Hudson, £42) is published to coincide with the exhibition. The Liberty selling exhibition opens on October 2 for about four weeks.*

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ROCK

Familiar face in strange surroundings

A new album suggests that today's rock world is more concerned with remixing than original songwriting. David Toop reports

BOB COLLIER

Hemmed in by versions crafted by other hands: New York folk-singer Suzanne Vega, an inspiration to the remixing industry

Listening to Suzanne Vega's new album is an odd experience. This is not, as is usually the case, because Vega is a quirky Greenwich Village folk-singer. The oddness stems from the fact that Vega did not actually *record* it, even though it is her voice on the album. *Tom's Album* is a collection of 12 versions of Vega's 1987 *a cappella* track, "Tom's Diner". With two exceptions, these were created by other artists without Vega's knowledge or permission.

The absence of instrumentation on "Tom's Diner" gave bedroom remixers the perfect opportunity to build their own dance tracks around the basic voice-track that Vega had unwittingly presented. One of these, created by a DJ-and-remix team from Bath called DNA, was released illegally and gained instant popularity in the clubs. When the bootleg came to the attention of Vega's record company, A & M, DNA found itself caught in a trap. Allow us to release the track officially, A & M said, or suffer the consequences. For a buy-out fee in the region of £8,000, DNA gave up the rights to a single which then became a huge European and American hit.

Unwittingly, the company also launched a mania for reconstructing "Tom's Diner". During Vega's last tour she was given numerous cassettes which reworked the song. Some of these, along with a live version by REM with Billy Bragg, and a rap release from Nikki D which sampled the original, were selected for the mid-price album which has been packaged like a bootleg.

This was a rare departure for an artist who is not associated with the dance market. Setting aside the novelty value of *Tom's Album*, the album is an admission that recorded songs are as much anonymous multiples, like Brillo boxes, as they are personal artistic creations.

Tom's Album is released at a time when remix has become an obsession, which the record industry has helped to create. Recent releases have included pointless updates of old Soft Cell and Kool & The Gang tracks, along with all the barely distinguishable remixed versions of dance tracks. Within this atmosphere, home enthusiasts are not waiting for record company commissions. Instead, they are gleefully plundering the raw material for themselves.

> *'The spectre of music being endlessly remoulded must haunt artists'*

If it ain't broke, why fix it? That may be the belief of music purists, but for the rest of the entertainment industry these days, records are made to be altered at a later date to suit public taste. If a rock or dance album has sold well, there is every reason to believe that a remixed update will sell even better.

EMI Records believed this to be the case when it released a remixed version of Talk Talk's greatest hits. The title, *History Revisited*, sums up the philosophy of the remix. Old memories, good songs, faded careers, dormant financial assets or an act lost to another company: such factors can all precipitate a remix. Talk Talk has since moved from EMI to Polydor. Taking exception to EMI's treatment of their past work and the company's failure to seek permission, the group's members have decided to take legal action.

Since the mid-Seventies, remixing has posed a question of authorship which the music industry has failed to address. The invention of the disco remix by a disc jockey named Tom Moulton set a precedent of outsiders being commissioned to alter tapes to cater for the dance market. This might have involved lengthening the song, adding more choruses, strengthening the drum and bass tracks and adding new percussion parts. Club disc jockeys and punters of the dance clubs became the arbiters of quality, and the original ideas of the artist and producers were considered, at best, as raw material, and at worst, an encumbrance.

If a record was a flop in its original version but a hit in its remixed form, who deserved the credit for its success? One irony of the disco era was that club DJs and producers acquired lengthy careers and a degree of stardom, while the singers increasingly came to be treated as disposable commodities.

Artists whose careers had stalled could also provide a source of raw material. Sly Stone was one of the biggest stars of soul and rock during the late Sixties and early Seventies. Despite rumours of a comeback, he was seen busking recently outside the Chinese Theatre, on Hollywood's Sunset Boulevard. His earlier drug abuse had been followed by deterioration in his songwriting ability, and a drastic fall in output.

In 1979, a DJ named John Luongo was called in to revive the Sly Stone back-catalogue with a heavy, disco bass drumbeat. The results, titled *Ten Years Too Soon*, were a travesty. The idea, however, had an obvious appeal.

The remix could also make new records into hits. When the DJ/remix team of Jonathan Moore and Matt Black (known as Coldcut) was asked to remix a rap record called "Paid in Full", it stipulated that the record company would have to accept its new version without argument. Coldcut's remix was a masterpiece of the kitchen sink method, its most notable feature being the incorporation of vocal fragments from a record by Israeli singer Ofra Haza. The original artists, Eric B & Rakim, were obliged under sufferance to promote the track when it became a British hit. Their displeasure became evident from a *Top of the Pops* appearance that was memorably sullen.

Technology has blurred the distinctions between creators and technicians. Few musicians have ever enjoyed total control of their work, yet the spectre of music being endlessly remoulded to suit record companies and fickle public taste must haunt artists who take pride in their original efforts. In a transient world, can a recording ever be described as complete, finished or definitive? Perhaps, when the dust has settled, Talk Talk and EMI will have supplied one temporary answer. Meanwhile, other artists may choose to follow Suzanne Vega's example. If you can't beat 'em, buy them up.

BRIEFING

Blocked books

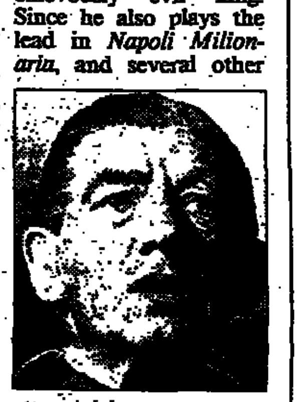
SIR John Tenniel's original engravings for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, preserved on woodblocks, were handed over to the British Library by Macmillan (publisher of both "Alice" books) last week. The woodblocks were thought to be lost until 1985, when they were discovered in a London bank vault; now they will be deposited at the British Library. Until January 5, the library is displaying them as the centrepiece of an exhibition entitled "125 Years of Alice", which also includes Lewis Carroll's original manuscript.

Factory line-up

DAVID Freeman's Opera Factory, recently seen at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in *Cosi fan tutte*, will be returning in November to complete the Mozart-da Ponte triple with *Don Giovanni*. All three operas will then be shown on Channel 4 in December. Freeman promises not so much a revival of his 1990 *Giovanni* as a rethinking: more Spanish and more contemporary. "We have thrown out all the period costumes," he says. Those who saw the production last year, however, will be wondering quite what there was to throw out.

Last chance...

THE National Theatre's *Richard III* begins a five-city tour next week, with Ian McKellen as the mischievously evil king. Since he also plays the lead in *Napoli Milionaria*, and several other actors appear in both productions, Eduardo de Filippo's moving and humorous play must also end its run. Set in the years around the end of the second world war, *Napoli* charts the disintegration of a family as it succumbs to the lure of black market wealth. Performances are superb. Ends on Wednesday at the Lyttelton (071-928 2252).



McKellen: dual role

Fairest are the fairs of the world

John Russell Taylor applauds the institution of the art fair for removing the mystique from the process of buying art

During the last few years there has been a vast expansion in the art-fair business. Probably not a week now goes by without an art or antiques fair somewhere in the world. This week's 20th Century British Art Fair, the fourth of its kind and at a new location in the Royal College of Art, happens to be an unusually well-regarded fair. But with their novelty long gone, do art fairs really serve a useful function and if so, what?

Curiously, the element most often complained of — the entrance charge — also in a way epitomises the usefulness of the institution. The problem many people have with stepping into a commercial art gallery, in or out of London, is that they are not sure of the "right procedure". Are they expected to pay or not? Will there be a gorgon at the door demanding to know what they want? Will there — just as bad — be nobody to pay any attention to them and field any questions they may ask? Are these artworks for sale, and if so, dare one ask the price without being embarrassed by the answer?

All such worries are swept away at an art fair. You pay a flat entrance fee, so you know by what right you are there; prices for the artworks are clearly displayed on the walls. Each stand will have a dealer on it, and the dealers are likely to be friendly and helpful.

All of this means that a far wider variety of interested people go to an art fair than ever go to any individual gallery, and among them are many more first-time buyers. Of course, the price-range varies enormously according to which fair it is, but the 20th Century British Art Fair, concentrating as it does on the local product and, as a rule, the local buyer, usually tends to lie at the moderate end of the scale. It also screens its constituent galleries carefully. The most generous-minded could not seriously maintain that kitsch is always kept at bay. But then, a certain element adds grist to the mill, and the presence of some kitsch sets off the quality of the rest.

Most of what is shown by the 54 dealers exhibiting is relatively conservative, even when it is contemporary rather than the currently fashionable "Modern British". Since British art has always been overwhelmingly representational, an apparent return to representation among the youngest artists makes much of the newest work seem unexpectedly consistent with what has gone before, so not too many waves are made.

There is more sculpture this year than in previous fairs. Whether this indicates a change of heart in buyers (in Britain, despite the great tradition of Henry Moore, they tend to fight shy), or a new hopefulness in dealers remains to be seen.

There is also the usual crop of stories connected with items on sale. Everybody loves a good anecdote, whether true or not. Was Edmond Knapp really the beneficiary of Picasso's only official portrait sitting, as one gallery alleges? Depends on what you mean by "official", "portrait" and "sitting", but Knapp's drawing, autographed by Picasso, is intriguing all the same.

Does the intricate provenance of a panel of a paintbox painted by Edward Le Bas (given to Vanessa Bell and after her death presented by Duncan Grant to Eardley Knollys to replace one given to him and subsequently stolen) matter to anybody? At least, it reinforces the strong period feeling.

How many have seen a group of works by Sir Francis Barry BT RBA in decades? Probably few in England, though he won prizes in France, and was collected by Mussolini among others. This "follower of Matisse and Seurat" may always prove to be a great rediscovery. Then again, he may not. You pays your money, and you takes your choice.

● The 20th Century British Art Fair Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-584 5020). Daily 11am-8pm (7pm last two days), Wednesday to Sunday. Admission £6, concessions £3.

Jeremy Kingston meets playwright Richard Harris, now homing in on Shepherd's Bush after tasting Hollywood fame

Stepping out with a gentrified party piece

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

Harris: "I had no leaning towards writing whatsoever"

Richard Harris has probably said it a thousand times in the course of his career. "Better quickly mention which Richard Harris I am. The writer. *Stepping Out*. There are six Richard Harrises in the business. In my time, I've been asked to design. The BBC wanted me to talk about democracy in Chile. And there's the actor chap. When he was going to do, I think, *Wuthering Heights*, I had hundreds of nude photos from girls who wanted to be in the film. And when I was in Paris, letters came from women saying, 'I hear you are in Paris. May we meet?' And when they saw it was me, they'd hate me, as if it was my fault I was now privy to what was going on in their minds."

This, then, is Richard Harris the writer: born in Shepherd's Bush, author of *Stepping Out*, the tap-dancing play which has now been Americanised and turned into a film with Liza Minnelli. He has also written the cricket play *Outside Edge*, performed by every rep and in every village where women have glumly watched their menfolk on the pitch; and *The Business of Murder*, eight years at the Mayfair Theatre. Moreover, he was co-author of the very first episode of *The Avengers*, and is sole author of the Christmas episode in a forthcoming second television series based on the exploits of the Larkin family in H.E. Bates's *The Darling Buds of May*.

Next week, for he never stops writing, his new play, *Party Piece*, opens in Eastbourne with Peter Duncan and Maria Charles heading the cast. Doubtless it will end up in the West End after a nationwide tour. And by then he will be deep in a new series for Yorkshire TV.

That particular job is not to be talked about, but he is unstoppable about *Party Piece* and its associations for him. "It's a play I've tried to do in various guises. I wrote the original version some time ago and did it with Irene Handl. It never really worked. I couldn't get the parts to come together. And I tried it in another guise, and another; and then I had the idea of setting a play in two back gardens and I saw I could use the same characters. We tried the new version out at Basingstoke and it worked. I knew at last I'd got it right.

> *'It's based on what so many English comedies are based on: manners and class'*

"It's about what has happened in places like Shepherd's Bush, where the indigenous population is being squeezed out by ballet dancers and television writers. There's an old lady living next door to a young doctor and his wife who've moved in and gentrified the house. It's based on what so many English comedies are based on: manners and class. She hangs her washing out when they're having a barbecue for their friends, and the smoke blows — you know? I managed to get all the physical business right, which I'd never managed to do before: the collapsing guttering, and somebody's hair catching fire. The visual jokes; it's amazing how they score.

"Shepherd's Bush was built in the last century for working people. But the very area I knew so well is now called Something Village. It's all tarted up and totally gentrified, and that makes it hard to explain to young people what it used to be like. I was reading some old local newspapers the other day and it's true there was an awful lot of crime.

"It's a myth that everyone spent the entire war pulling together. Old ladies were being beaten on the head and conmen were stealing their coal and there were riots when people refused to leave cinemas. But at the same time, people were in and out of my father's house — him the local policeman — coming to him for *advice*. Young people today find that almost impossible to believe.

"And up the road: the football ground. Brentford used to be in the First Division. You'd see players like Stanley Matthews there, and my father would police it on his own. You'd have 30,000 people and one copper walking about and saying 'Watch it'. Last time I went there, they were playing Oxford United. The place was empty except for 40 girls from Oxford who never looked at the game, and 800 policemen."

Harris, you may gather, is prone to exaggeration, as he jovially admits. But he does not sentimentalise on the difficulties of growing up in a working-class home after the war, and notes the irony that it is people with his sort of career who are doing all of the gentrifying.

"I had no leaning towards writing whatsoever. What I was rather good at was art, and if I'd come from a different sort of family, I think I'd have gone to art school. But I'm afraid I came from the sort of family where my mother would say, 'Who do you think you are, you and your fancy friends?' And that has left me with a great scar of insecurity.

"After leaving grammar school at the tender age of 16, I was white-collar fodder, and I still would be working with an insurance company had it not been for my joining the National Service."

The National Service "shook up a lot of people's marbles, including mine. For one thing it took me away from home, and for another, for the first time I met people out of my own class. Also I fell deeply in love with a girl who was just going to drama school. Suddenly I was her boyfriend, this yobbo, surrounded by people like Edward Fox, Freddie Jones, Sheila Reid: theatre folk who did call each other 'darling'. I hated them, because they spoke a language I knew nothing of.

"But then came television, and what was called the 'kitchen sink'. All of a sudden the working-class had a voice, and plays were about things that I knew about. So I wrote one about my grandmother, who lived in a tenement in Islington. H.M. Tennant bought it for television, the first play I ever wrote, and there I was with people like Joan Hickson playing my grandmother.

"Then Ted Willis saw the play and asked me to write something for his series *Knock on Any Door*. That led to *The Avengers*, and I've never stopped since.

"Looking back, life seems to have found itself a pattern." Tomorrow to fresh woods and buds of May.

● *Party Piece* opens at the Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne (0323 412000), next Monday.

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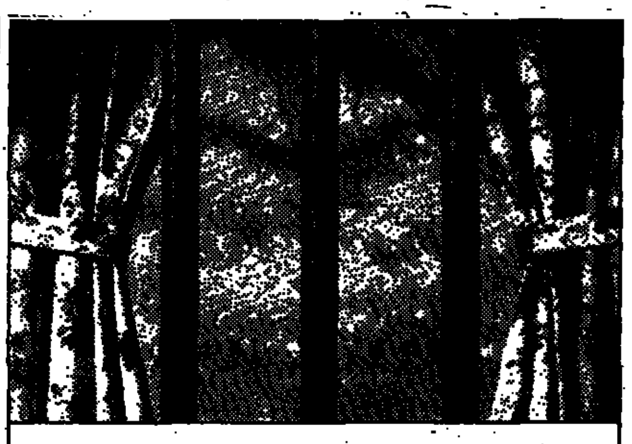

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The world should use military force to save Croatia

We never hesitated over Kuwait: Iraq had to be evicted. That Kuwait was a dictatorship did not inhibit us and, though highly conscious of the importance of Kuwait's oil, the basic principle we stood on was the duty to protect independent nations, however small, from invasion. We have not applied this rule to Croatia, preferring Neville Chamberlain's 1938 description of Hitler's threat to Czechoslovakia, as "a quarrel in a faraway country between people of whom we know nothing".

Croatia, unlike Kuwait, has a democratic structure. Its population of 4.5 million (albeit 600,000 are Serbs) is three times larger than Kuwait's. In a referendum earlier this summer all but a handful, which included a third of the Serbs living in Croatia, voted for independence. The Serb-dominated federal government fiercely resented this. In the rag, tag and bobtail of ethnic groups comprising Yugoslavia the Serbs are easily the largest. Understandably they are against the breakup of Yugoslavia, with its consequent loss of Serbian power and influence.

But Yugoslavia, cobbled together by the Allies after the first world war, was always doomed to fly apart. It nearly did before the last war while Serbs sought to acquire more clout for centralism and Croats tried to prevent it. When the German armies intervened in 1941 all hell broke loose, as Yugoslavs were as much intent on fighting each other as resisting Hitler, and tried to do both at the same time. The communists under Tito won. Himself a Croat, his dictatorship prevented the different nationalities fighting each other until after his death.

Croatia, long a part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, feels no kinship with Serbia. Though many Croats fought the Nazis, many did not. There were nasty butcheries of Serbian partisans by Croats and vice-versa. The ancient hatreds are being fanned again and will not be ended by forcing the Croats to submit to the Serbs; this is the thrust of Foreign Office policy.

Germany, Austria and Italy were right to want to recognise the international status of Croatia immediately. Independence would enable the Croats to buy arms to defend themselves on more equal terms with the modern, well equipped Yugoslav army, navy and airforce. Canada and Australia are right to try to get the security council of the United Nations to act. We were wrong to say we could not recognise Croatia because its government was not in control of all its territory, having already lost a third of it to Serbian aggression.

The conflagration in Yugoslavia is likely to involve neighbouring countries unless it is stopped now. More than a temporary truce, compelled by unexpected federal army reverses, is required in a region on the doorstep of the European Community, not in the distant Gulf. Douglas Hurd's suggestion of an oil embargo is excellent, as the Serbs have little oil unless they seize intact the oil wells in Croatia, and their armies could soon be halted.

The argument against sending an armed force under the auspices of the UN or the EC is weak. The Serbs would not dare attack it if it were placed between them and what remains of Croatia. The conditions would then exist for a real settlement in which Croatia would have to cede to Serbia some of the areas in which the Serbs are in a majority, even though they are not contiguous with Serbia, and some Croats would be left in a minority. But so, too, would be some Serbs in Croatia. What is essential is the complete separation of Serbia and Croatia.

Janet Daley recalls lurid nights in America that forced her unwillingly to enjoy the glamour of prizefighting

Boxing's cruel nobility

In the days before cable television, championship boxing was broadcast in the United States on closed-circuit relays to cinemas, with seats selling at premium prices. Working my way through university in the great American tradition, I spent some time as a cinema usherette. American usherettes then (perhaps still) were martinettes who policed the aisles for illicit smokers and misbehaving adolescents. But when it came to big-fight nights we were told to forget all the rules, even the fire laws that prohibited smoking downstairs.

My first big-fight night was when Cassius Clay (as he then was) defeated Sonny Liston for the first time. As the doors were opened a crowd flooded in, the likes of which I had never seen: a male world of sharp-suited, cigar-smoking, genial brutality. The cinema became an extension of the ringside, the clouds of smoke and shouting that rose from our seats merging with the clamour round the ring up on the screen.

The seat prices ruled out the common toughs who came in for "action" pictures. The crowd for this costly screening had the kind of flashy glamour that men from rough backgrounds often aspire to when they get money. There were some real celebrities: the ex-baseball player (and ex-husband of Marilyn Monroe) Joe Dimaggio, the Italian bandleader Louis Prima with a hard-faced woman in heavy make-up, both in evening dress for the nightclub afterwards. But most of the audience were just successful local heavies. They were, from my point of view, less trouble than the delinquents who came in to laugh at horror movies.

These men from the fringes of the mafia were good-natured and loud. They had come for a good time and they took the place over with their bravura machismo. The cinema smelt of beer, cigars and men for days afterwards.

It struck me then that this world, living by other values than the ones I was learning to cultivate, had a vitality that defied any attempt to patronise it. There was huge exuberance and open-handedness (tips were never better than on big-fight nights). Its excitements were first-hand in a way that made my intellectual pleasures seem tepid.

What these men had come from and what they had made of themselves was all about immigrant American pride, about Italian and Irish boys promoting black boys, and all of them getting rich and famous and having the respect of their peers. The criminality and viciousness became abstract in their actual presence. What I was aware of was their confidence, which had its own integrity and sense of rightness.

Of course, the spectacle of two men hitting each other with the deliberate intention of knocking the other unconscious ought to be unacceptable (especially now that we understand the consequences of head injury). The BMA has reiterated what the American Medical Association said in 1984: that while other sports are statistically more dangerous, boxing is the only one in which the objective is to cause injury.

Boxers dispute this. British ones such as Henry Cooper and Frank Bruno, whose gentleness of character seems to undermine any possible claim that the sport thrives on vindictiveness, insist that no boxer wishes to injure another, only to defeat him in an honourable way. The desire to injure is not properly a part of any sport. Ideally, boxing is a ritualised form of duelling, with the hands as weapons.

In America, boxing is heavily tied up with gambling and organised crime. The mafia got its teeth into the sport when boxing was banned, along with alcohol, in the prohibition era. The subculture of drink and gambling, which petit-bourgeois puritanism attempted to banish, sucked boxing into the mafia sphere of influence along with prostitution (and later hard-drug dealing). Alcohol pulled free of the criminal network, but boxing never quite made it.

In this country, professional bosing is not so much run by seriously criminal elements as by sleazy ones. The celebrity it offers may mean an escape from the hopelessness of poverty, but the route turns round on itself and locks people into a working-class subculture. Where showbusiness and sport transcend class barriers in America, they do not do so here in quite the same way.

Whenever I hear anyone talk about banning boxing — an impulse with which, in all conscience, I ought to agree — I recall with affection the atmosphere of big-fight nights at the Paramount theatre. And not just out of effete sentimentality — a romantic notion that turns low life into noble savagery — but because, in the midst of it, *I could see the point*. The point of that life and the way it took its pleasures, and the sense in which boxing and its culture were heroic.

Why the country needs hunting

A new manifesto for the country argues that field sports play a key role in rural conservation

STEPHEN MARKESON

Threatened species: lunch is carried up to a shooting party in Perthshire. If the Labour party bans hunting, many traditional countryside jobs will go

The biggest force for rural conservation in Britain today is composed of the five million people who take part in country sports. Country dwellers face a bleak future as agriculture declines. It is vital that all leisure and sporting activities rooted in the countryside are preserved if it is not to become a demoralised wasteland.

The country people of Britain made the rural landscape we have inherited: it is man-made, not natural. We can justly claim that its most beautiful features, the woods, spinneys, stone walls, hedges, fields, lakes, streams, ponds, moors and heaths, are fashioned and preserved by the pattern of country sports. The prescriptions of the 1980s for the countryside, a vision of golf-courses and theme parks, have solved few problems. They are essentially alien.

Urban society has been insulated from the reality of the animal world. Even ten years ago we had to buy our Sunday joint from a butcher, where it was recognisably part of a carcass. Today it is pleasantly packaged in plastic, a million miles from the cycle of life and death in the countryside, the environment in which animals of all sorts live and die. The pleasure derived from hunting is no more to do with the killing of the fox than the pleasure derived from roast beef is to do with the abattoir.

The argument for all field sports is indivisible. Not all those who support them participate in or support all of them. Where they do agree is that legislation against any sport leads logically to legislation against all. By the same token, the argument of our opponents should be consistent. If it is wrong to take animal life in pursuit of sport, this must apply to the boy shooting rats with his airgun, to the trout fisherman, the farmer after a rabbit or pigeon, just as much as to the pursuit of the fox. The Labour party, in its new paper on hunting, has not begun to explain why it is wrong to hunt a fox, but not to hunt a bird or fish.

Moves in the National Trust to ban shooting as well as hunting on its land show there can be no doubt where the strategy of animal-rights policy ultimately leads. Once Labour supports legislation against field sports, sooner or later it will have to deal with the animal rights argument that it is wrong to take animal life for pleasure, including the pleasure of eating meat. In strict terms, eating meat is no more necessary than hunting, shooting or fishing.

If we look at those opposing country sports, we find some strange bedfellows. The easiest to dismiss sit on the extreme left. To most people in the countryside, the hunt saboteur means the pallid urban rentamob piling out of the rented van, swept up from the fringes of student protest with no knowledge of or interest in the countryside. The animal rights movement has an appalling record of public violence and political extremism as its profile has risen in the past decade. There are elements in it who are rural terrorists. Such people surely have no part in the Britain of the 1990s, nor in a moderate Labour party.

If the doctrine of the sanctity of animal life were applied in the countryside the result would be chaos. In due course the unrestricted activity of deer, for example, would leave the vegetarian with nothing on the menu! The culling of species must involve man as the ultimate predator, and in a man-made landscape it is ultimately man who determines the balance between species. The justification of hunting, not only as a sport but as a practice rooted in the countryside, is the need to cull the fox as a predator and thus to help preserve the balance of nature. We do not seek to destroy the species or attack any endangered species. Is it instead to be poisoned, snared or shot (thus often only wounded)?

The Labour party proposes to fight the next election committed to what it describes as a free vote on the abolition of fox-hunting. In fact the Labour spokesman has declared that the party is opposed to hunting. The party claims to be acting on the basis of research, but that is not true: its position is in the main historic. Its legislative interest dates back to a private member's bill in 1949, when the Labour party was in power, to ban hunting.

The bill was heavily defeated at the time with the help of the votes of numerous Labour MPs from rural constituencies, and without the support of the great majority of the 392 Labour members then in Parliament. Perhaps the crucial speech in the debate in favour of fox-hunting came from Tom Williams, the Labour minister of agriculture, who represented a Yorkshire mining constituency.

The arguments deployed in that debate are as valid today as they were then. If hunting is justified, then it matters not a jot whether people dress up in pink coats, the symbol so loathed by the left, or pink tutus. What passes for research in the present Labour party position seems to be a handful of random approaches to interested organisations, most of them hostile to country sports, without any pretence at scientific or statistical appraisal. It is no coincidence that, unlike the post-war Labour government, today's Labour party no longer represents a significant number of rural seats.

Country dwellers themselves now feel part of an endangered species. Is it too much to expect the sympathy and understanding of the urban population? We can deploy good arguments about country sports as significant employers in the countryside at a time when unemployment is rising. We can point to country sports as a nursery for equestrian and other outdoor activities. We can point to the place of country pursuits in our art and literature. (Do we count Trollope, Cobbett, Churchill, Disraeli, Wellington or Sassoon, all lovers of fox-hunting, as barbarians?)

Above all, we can invoke civil liberties. No activity should be a matter for parliamentary activity, in a world full of oppressive legislation, unless it can be shown that social evil results from it. There is no such social evil in country sports. It is time to put the debate on such sports, including fox-hunting, back where it rightly belongs, in the consciences of individuals, who are free to choose whether they practise them or not.

A study group for the British Field Sports Society produced the report from which this is extracted.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

Douglas Hurd, Lord Denham, Des Wilson, Julian Critchley, Chris Mullin, and now even Lord Rawlinson, have all written thrillers. Roy Hattersley's novel about interminable generations of the Hattersley family is being advertised with the slogan, "It's all here — betrayal and lust, love and devotion". But where is the John Gummer thriller? This morning, I am delighted to be able to bring you a tantalising first extract from the "devastating" "nightmarish":

The Small Stain on
the Brand New Tie
by John Gummer

THERE had never been a morning like it. At least, not for two days. Mild drizzle lashed tirelessly at the double-glazing. Inside the house, a siren erupted. Steam filled the air.

"Oho," thought John as quick as a flash, placing his spectacles carefully on his nose before leaping to conclusions. "this means the kettle has boiled, or more accurately" — and here he paused — "is about to boil."

In this water-pouring game a man can never be too careful, he thought as he deftly switched the electricity off before placing his right fist firmly around the kettle's handle. This is one helluva business, he thought: one false move and the kitchen surface will need wiping.

Gritting his teeth, he tilted the kettle slowly, slowly, slowly until — yes! — the water fell with pinpoint precision on to the teabag at the bottom of the cup.

Wiping the sweat away, John checked that the precision tools necessary for the completion of this formidable operation were at hand. Semi-skimmed milk. Sweetex (2). A 100% teaspoon, brilliantly engineered by some of the world's top experts to manoeuvre in all types of beverage at temperatures approaching boiling. Everything was as ready as it would ever be.

Now came the most crucial part. The teabag — roughly the size of a very small Marmite sandwich, and rather bigger than a bicycle clip — could only be removed from the cup using the spoon, split-second timing and 100% concentration. It would then be placed in the bin beneath the sink. John had performed the operation many times — from the distant hills of Ripley to the treacherous eastern approaches to West Byfleet — but he knew that if any part went wrong, the result could be a stain. This was going to take nerves — and a teaspoon — of steel.

Outside, the mild drizzle continued unabated. John was glad to be inside on a day like today. No, he wasn't the kind of guy who would stand for getting ever so slightly damp, and he had gathered around him some of the leading precision equipment — anorak, wellingtons, driving-gloves, ear-muffs, umbrella, pom-pom hat — to prevent it happening. To hell with it — the drizzle would just have to look for some other poor sucker to fall on today.

The teabag was teetering in mid-air when suddenly from the street, without any form of warning whatsoever, came the unearthly sound of a car door being gently pulled-to. His attention momentarily diverted, when John looked back it was with a sense of terror.

The teabag — *that teabag* — had fallen headlong from the teaspoon, down, down, down. Now it lay spreadeagled on the floor, brown liquid seaping from its pores. The poor bag never stood a chance, thought John, staring down in horror.

Horror turned to disgust when John set eyes on his brand new tie. Staring back at him, stark and malevolent, just beneath the distinctive Rotary Club insignia, was the object of his living dread — *a small teastain*.

"My God," thought John. "I must do something." But what? In an instant, he had torn vorcaciously at the kitchen roll, pulling off two whole sheets. To hell with expense.

Dab! Dab!! Dab!!! John dabbed as he had never dabbed before. *Dab!* "Take that!" thought John. *Dab! Dab!!* But it was no good. Pressed on by the dabbing, the teastain had begun to spread. It was now seconds from engulfing the entire Rotary Club insignia. Silently, stealthily, with one swift move of his arm, John reached for the Eezikleen Stain Removal Kit. This was one battle John was determined to win at any price, the household budget permitting . . .

(To be continued.)

Take it from the top

WHEN the Top Salaries Review Body reports, everyone looks for the whiff of hypocrisy: people in glass houses and all that. The case of two private consultancies paid to advise the body might be thought to increase suspicions.

The government refused to reveal yesterday how much had been paid to the two firms, Price Waterhouse and Hay Management Consultants. The Office of Manpower Economics, which oversees the review body, says: "We could not possibly tell you how much they were paid. It's commercially sensitive. I don't think they are likely to tell you either."

Indeed they are not, and both firms find the subject of their own top pay equally sensitive. Asked how much senior partner Ian Brindle earns, a Price Waterhouse spokesman said: "His salary is not the sort of information we give out. We do not operate like that. We are not a public company." City experts suggest that Brindle's salary is not far short of £250,000, considerably more than the judges, civil servants and military leaders covered by the pay-review body. At Hay Management Consultants the story was the same. The salary of Murray Dalziel, the managing director, is confidential.

Sir David Nickson, chairman of the Top Salaries Review Body, has been careful that the accusation of hypocrisy cannot be levelled at him: he earns a relatively modest £37,000 as chairman of Scottish Enterprise. He does, however, have half-a-dozen lucrative directorships, including with the insurance giant General Accident. Next year he is due to return to Clydesdale Bank as chairman.

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And John Major cannot be considered beyond reproach. The prime minister's salary of £72,533 is more than 30 per cent higher than the voluntarily reduced sum Mrs Thatcher was accepting when she left office.

● *Diehard communists still finding it hard to come to terms with the demise of Leningrad should take heart from the fact that Stalin would have had no such problems. According to Robert Conquest's new biography, Stalin never referred to the city as anything other than "Petersburg".*

Blood brothers

IN THIS era of player power it is strange that professional boxers remain almost the only sporting professionals not to have a trade union. The need for such a body united both Michael Watson and Chris Eubank, and should take on more urgency after Saturday night.

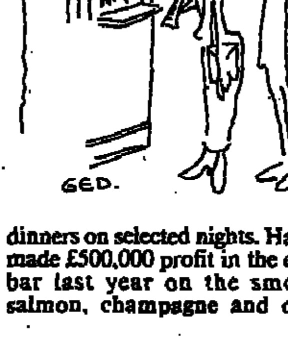
Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight boxing champion who is leading the campaign, says: "My main concern is for Michael's speedy recovery and for his family. The union comes second at the moment. But I hope this will be the year there is finally a boxers' trade union. I am getting a lot of support from the right people in the right place." McGuigan is also being helped by Garth Crooks, former chairman of the Professional Footballers Association.

Appropriately in the light of events, the union's priorities will be a medical insurance scheme and a pension fund. "Boxing must be the only professional sport where there is no professional representation," says McGuigan. "I cannot think of a sport that needs one more."

Eubank and Watson were both on the guest list last night at a party at Stringfellows to launch a biography of Muhammad Ali. Unsurprisingly the occasion, intended as an opportunity for the British boxing world to pay tribute to one of the greatest fighters, was a muted one. Even Ali himself failed to show. He was stranded in Abu Dhabi.

Sing for your supper

JEREMY ISAACS, general director of the Royal Opera House, is to turn restaurateur. From next month Covent Garden's crush bar is to offer post-performance buffet dinners on selected nights. Having made £500,000 profit in the crush bar last year on the smoked salmon, champagne and other delicacies, the house hopes that keeping opera-goers to dinner will make further inroads into the budget deficit.



"The crush bar is less crushed after performances so patrons can dine in comfort," says the opera house. The menu is still being devised but Steak Tournedos Rossini followed by Peach Melba seem musts for the first night.

For all time

THE Thirties Society, protector of telephone boxes and other artefacts of the pre-war decade, is to change its name. Just ten years after the society was formed to stop British Telecom destroying the red booths designed in 1936 by Giles Gilbert Scott, it has outgrown itself. The society's concerns now include the preservation of anything from 1914 to the present, a breadth of interest that has led to endless confusion.

"Recently we were making recommendations on a building put up in the 1960s. The owners couldn't understand what we were doing there," says Julian Holder of the society. "It gets boring having to explain all the time."

He favours a name change to the 20th Century Society, although other members have different ideas. "We have discussed this at length and everyone agrees we have to change the name," says secretary Alan Powers. "The only problem is that we can't agree on a new one."

● *John Major's diary secretary seems to have a sense of humour. Even as the prime minister meets Sir Ian McKellen today to discuss the Stonewall Group's "equality for gays" campaign, Major's next guest will be arriving at Downing Street — Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, who once opined that one in four Englishmen is gay.*

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

REWARD WITHOUT RISK

Big pay increases for top public employees are damaging to governments at any time. They are doubly so in the run-up to a general election. The prime minister's agreement to postpone the latest Top Salaries Review Board exercise, from this autumn to next summer, needs no explanation beyond that.

None the less he was ill-advised. Postponement makes Mr Major seem to be hiding something from the electorate, aided and abetted by the Tory-appointed chairman of the review board, Sir David Nickson, who first suggested the delay. The indications are that the board's research into comparability between the public and private sector was throwing up such a scale of discrepancies that only a pay rise of between 50 and 100 per cent would enable the public sector to catch up. Postponement can only reinforce such suspicions.

The review should have kept to its timetable. The Top Salaries Review Board exists to insulate the fixing of the pay of top civil servants and judges from the political process, which means the exercise should be conducted without fear or favour. The politics should start when the government receives the board's recommendations, and decides whether to accept them. The government, answering to Parliament and utlimately answerable to the voters, can grant, reject, postpone or phase whatever rises are proposed, taking such political credit or damage as there may be. To put off unpopular decisions until after an election — which could still be the best part of a year away — is dithering.

Mr Major undoubtedly wants to avoid a repetition of the public slanging-match earlier this year over pay rises for chief executives of newly privatised industries. The justification put forward for raising exective pay then was the need for equivalence with general levels of pay in other private-sector businesses. And this is also the base line of the comparability exercise the review board conducts for civil servants and judges.

But the method for deciding top executives' pay in the private sector is itself a gigantic inflationary game. If everybody runs round in a circle, trying to catch the one ahead, the circle turns ever faster. Pay levels forced up by this merry-go-round have nothing to do with rewarding entrepreneurial skill or degree of risk, everything to do with mutual boardroom backscratching: "I'll sit on your directors' remuneration committee if you'll sit on mine".

If civil servants are not allowed to join the circus, it is said, some will leave government service. They will go where the money is, denuding public administration of talent. This is why governments of various hues have in the past found the recommendations of the Top Salaries Review Board, however embarrassing, none the less compelling. But should they go on doing so?

Comparability is not quite the fair method for fixing public-sector pay it was thought to be before private-sector boardrooms surrendered to pure greed. High private-sector remuneration is only justified by a high level of personal risk-taking and a significant personal contribution to increased profitability by the executive concerned. It is the reward of enterprise and wealth creation. That is why it was so objectionable to see heads of privatised near-monopolies being rewarded as if they were buccaneering captains of industry, when many of the industries they run were not performing well, and their prices were being manipulated by the regulators to make sure they were profitable.

There is even less risk than this in being a top civil servant or high court judge. And neither group has much to boast of by analogy with "profitability". Some will find themselves adequately motivated by the ethos of public service. Others may choose to trade public-sector security for a private-sector gamble on high earnings, and that is fair enough. But civil servants should not be rewarded as if they had already taken this gamble, while still sitting behind their Whitehall desks with safe jobs until retirement, looking forward to guaranteed inflation-proof pensions. Having delayed the Top Salaries Review Board's review, the prime minister should use the time to review the board's own criteria.

AGAINST SADDAM'S WILL

Since the Gulf war the West has been engaged in a test of will with President Saddam Hussein *to* force him to *abide* by the terms of surrender. These include not only compensation to Kuwait but also the abolition of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, which must be proved by on-site inspections by the United Nations.

Since April, Saddam, while sometimes cooperative, has frequently obstructed UN inspections of Iraqi non-conventional weapons sites. Security council patience has now run out. UN anger was compounded yesterday by Iraq's foolish detention of UN inspectors who had uncovered documentary evidence of a secret nuclear programme.

Both President Bush and the UN have stopped short of spelling out fully the consequences if Saddam continues to obstruct UN inspections. The immediate issue is limited and well defined: Iraq has consistently, and illegally, refused to allow UN helicopters to overfly Iraqi territory to search for hidden nuclear or chemical-weapons facilities. Its offer to allow such flights for a two-week period, and only over western Iraq, is insolent.

Saddam is a man of bluster, but a shrewd one. The danger is not just that he will gradually revive Iraqi ambitions to dominate the region, but also that he will reacquire the means to do so. Western intelligence estimates are that 80 per cent of Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons capacity was destroyed by allied bombing. But 20 per cent survived. The suspicion must be that since he is obstructing UN inspections Saddam has something to hide — that he is covertly trying to rebuild his once fearsome arsenal. He is already believed to have restored much of his Scud missile capacity.

The Pentagon has said publicly it is poised to send over a hundred aircraft and helicopter gunships to Saudi Arabia, together with surveillance aircraft, naval forces and 3,000 "ground support personnel". American units stationed in Europe could be in Saudi Arabia in under 12 hours, a Pentagon spokesman said at the weekend. At the request of King Fahd, Patriot anti-missile batteries are being moved to Saudi Arabia from Europe.

If all this sounds ominously like preparations for renewed hostilities, that is certainly the message Baghdad is intended to receive. On the other hand Mr Bush has assured his European allies that he is not drawing new "lines in the sand" — there is to be no "son of Desert Storm". The West's aim is limited to securing compliance with unfulfilled UN resolutions.

Under the terms of these resolutions, the UN is fully entitled to ask America to help it carry out inspections. If Saddam continues to obstruct UN teams, America should send its aircraft to escort UN helicopter flights. Saddam must be made to understand that if Iraqi forces shoot at either aircraft or helicopters, American warplanes will retaliate, and could then target suspected nuclear or chemical sites.

The UN also retains the power to put pressure on Iraq by using the oil-sales weapon. At the end of last week the security council — despite the row over inspections — allowed Iraq to export oil to the value of one billion pounds over the next six months. This represents a fraction of Iraq's prewar production, and the proceeds must be used for humanitarian purposes and to compensate the victims of Iraq's aggression against Kuwait. But it is a concession, and can be reversed.

The UN consensus has held up well since Iraq's defeat. The world has the means to put pressure on Saddam to force him to abide by international rules of behaviour. But sustained will-power will be necessary. He will not give way unless made to.

MINORITY REPORT

Sir Ian McKellen is the outstanding British actor of his generation. He is also gay. He has long devoted his offstage efforts to promoting gay and lesbian causes. Today he visits 10 Downing Street to report on them to the prime minister.

It is inconceivable that Mr Major's predecessor would have agreed to such an engagement. This is not to endorse the frequent suggestions from the gay community that Margaret Thatcher was homophobic. She was personally tolerant and never allowed sexual orientation in itself to block political preferment. But her power base lay on the right of the Conservative party. It embraced many moral traditionalists whom she chose not to offend. In 1989 this caused her to cut off state funds from a national survey of sexual behaviour designed to yield information on Aids. It also lay behind the so-called Clause 28 legislation, intended to bar local authorities from using public money to "promote homosexuality".

As a result homosexual persons tended to see her government as an enemy of their rights and freedoms. This in turn pushed them into an unnatural political orientation towards the left. Many gay people found that they were being spoken for by exotic left-wing spokesmen with whom they had little in common.

Mr Major's meeting with Sir Ian will alter that gay perception of the Tory party. There [illegible] of homosexual consent is 21 as against 16 for heterosexuals. Should it be lowered to 18 or 16, and will Mr Major match Labour's pledge of a free vote in the Commons on this issue? Policemen still lurk round public lavatories hoping to improve their arrest-rates with a few "gross indecencies". Will Mr Major reinforce Home Office advice that they desist? And can Mr Major endorse the recent "declaration of rights of Aids sufferers" produced by a group of organisations working with Aids victims?

Politically, Mr Major cannot lose from the meeting. Short term, he will have to take the flak from the moral right; the Conservative Family Campaign duly criticised the meeting yesterday. But come an election, its members are unlikely to switch allegiance to Labour. Conservative-minded gay men and women, however, could easily be persuaded to switch back from Labour if the government showed them understanding.

There is a national gain too. No society functions happily if a minority feels excluded from a hearing. To be sure, gay activists sometimes ask too much. But such demands should only be turned down with stated reasons after discussion, or the dangerous language of persecution will work its poison on the minds of those denied. Mr Major today need only to listen patiently to revive a tradition that wore threadbare under Mrs Thatcher: the tradition of One Nation conservatism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Brazen' election brinkmanship

From Lord Jenkins of Hillhead

Sir, In the last week it has been difficult to decide which has been less prepossessing: the shocked complaints of the Labour party against the Governor of the Bank of England, whose equally controversial but more critical statement (report, "Bank expects no real upturn until next year", August 16) they were so recently quoting with approval, or the fulminations of the government against the Archbishop of Canterbury, who almost equally recently was the favoured candidate of No 10 Downing Street.

The two incidents in combination provide a fine indication of the feverish pre-election atmosphere, which has now prevailed in some form for six months or more, and in acute form since the end of August. Yet the probability now seems to be that it will be another six months or so before the issue is settled.

This is by no means the first time that we have seen opportunistic teetering on the brink, but not often in such a long drawn-out and brazen form. Nothing could be worse for the conduct of Whitehall business and it can hardly be good for private business either.

Rarely can the practical case for fixed-term parliaments have been more clearly made. And the theoretical case has long been powerful. It is surely an undesirable piece of British idiosyncracy to give the starting pistol for the race to one of the competitiors and encourage him to fire it, not when all the competitors are equally ready, but at the moment judged to give the greatest advantage to himself. The only compensation is that in waiting too jumpily for the moment when his rivals are doing up their shoe laces the competitor/referee sometimes ends up by shooting himself.

Yours faithfully,
ROY JENKINS,
House of Lords.
September 22.

Funds for science

From Dr Terence Kealey

Sir, The Astronomer Royal states (September 19) that the percentage of GDP spent by the government on the science base is too low, and that "this is not the way to build a thriving economy". How then did the Japanese and Soviet economies arrive at their present conditions? The Japanese government has consistently underspent our own on science, whereas the Soviet government has consistently outspent both?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr B. A. Hunn

Sir, It is not only the state that is underfunding fundamental research. Industry is also severely neglecting the applied research that turns new discoveries into usable technologies. Presumably this is because they want maximum profit now rather than plan for the long-term future.

In the Sixties I was a member of the Science Research Council's subcommittee for transportation and know that whereas the electronics industry was then investing about 7 per cent of sales turnover on applied research, shipping and the coal industries were spending nearer to .05 per cent. The railways were not much better. Indeed, when at that time I asked the chief engineer of the London Underground if he had any problems needing research he said that he had none. It is not surprising that the most moribund industries in our society are those which in the past refused to invest in the future by spending on sensible research.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. HUNN,
37 Lakeside, Tring, Hertfordshire.

Political puzzle

From Mr R. T. M. Ahern

Sir, I am not a political animal but in the past I thought I had a basic understanding of the political spectrum. Simply put, moving from right to left, there are fascists, conservatives, liberals, socialists and communists.

How is it therefore that the hard-line communists who perpetrated the recent coup in the Soviet Union are referred to by all as the right wing of the Communist party?

Should we now describe Militant Tendency as being to the right of the Labour party?

Yours, somewhat confused,
R. T. M. AHERN,
5 Campden Hill Square, W8.

Railways' future

From Mr Adam E. S. Bennett

Sir, Current interest in "pay as you go" roads (report, September 18, later editions) is misplaced in my view. Road congestion is not caused by the profligacy of motorists but by the lack of any viable alternative.

If rail transport is not substantially improved before the introduction of "pay as you go" systems three consequences must follow: given the lack of alternatives, the use of roads by business would not be materially reduced; over the immediate term many commuters would opt for rail, but would be quickly driven back to the road by discomfort and inefficiency; and weekend and leisure use of roads, particularly by poorer members of the community, would be significantly reduced.

Immediate action is required to improve railways over and underground. They require substantial capital investment, as well as high-quality management responsible for achieving defined goals.

The return on such investment would principally comprise the social benefits of road decongestion and enhanced mobility. Any profits would be icing on the cake.

If railway operation was privatised operators would need to work within an artificial framework, policed by an industry regulator, not least to ensure that the profit motive did not lead to unsatisfactory service on unprofitable lines. The difficulties of such a policing role (*vide* British Gas) are now legend. Private operation would also engender considerable dislocation as new operators replaced old at the end of a tender period.

The government should state unequivocally that the railways will remain in the public sector and a major government-funded investment programme to commence as soon as possible. The certainty and stability engendered would boost the morale of rail staff and travellers and attract high-quality management.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM BENNETT (Director),
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37 Sackville Street, W1.
September 19.

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Archbishop's remarks on violence and deprivation

From the Headmaster of Longbenton Community High School, Newcastle upon Tyne

Sir, It is tragic that Dr Carey's otherwise affirming speech about the value of Christian commitment to schools (reports, September 20 and 21) has been marred by two serious errors.

He states as a fact that human wrongdoing is inextricably linked to, among other things, poverty and illiteracy. He also states that the current emphasis on vocational training may prove to be very short-sighted and that education does not consist of the acquisition of skills. Such statements undermine teachers like myself who serve in areas characterised by low income and high unemployment.

It is right that education should have a moral and spiritual basis. At the heart of Christianity is the view that human beings are created with a freedom and responsibility for their actions. Their behaviour is not determined by their environment, educational attainment or income.

Vocational training and education is an important aspect of the development of young people and their preparation for life. The archbishop cannot have it both ways. If he is concerned about unemployment he must applaud those who are trying to help young people acquire those skills and qualifications necessary for work.

I am delighted to say that almost two-thirds of our 16-year-olds stay in full-time education and acquire skills, gain qualifications and find satisfying work. They want employment and are willing to prepare themselves for it.

I also have to say that the overwhelming majority of our students strongly deplore the recent disorders on Tyneside, recognise that they were organised by people of criminal intent and would wish to see all such wrongdoing severely punished.

Yours faithfully,
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September 21.

From the Reverend James Ramsay

Sir, Thank God our archbishop has risked tedious abuse by stressing the effects of "deprivation". I am, however, aware of two forms of deprivation: deprivation in the normally accepted sense (of which Blackbird Leys, though more fortunate than many estates in the North-East, has its share) and a deprivation that afflicts society as a whole — a joylessness in life, a poverty of vision and a brutalising isolation between, for instance, individual "nuclear" families, between "educated" and "uneducated", "conventional" and "alternative", those in work and those out of work, "desirable" and "bad" areas.

While straightforward material deprivation is not always easy to identify or assess, for spiritual squalor there is not even an agreed vocabulary. Mainstream Christianity, reduced as it all too often is to marginalised civic religion, fails to unite in witness against it.

Those, churchgoers included, who "explain" recent violence merely in terms of the activity of "hardened criminals" express the spiritual inadequacy of our society, as it seeks to wash its hands of the human complexities of affluence — its own technological and economic achievements.

I am grateful to the police that my nights are not now constantly broken by the sounds of high-performance car engines and screaming tyres. I admire and am grateful to those who risk verbal abuse and physical injury to defend law and order. But will anyone speak for a wider vision, in which "law" is a gratuitous generosity of spirit, and "order" consists of complex harmony and communion — a society indeed that will no longer need the strained, negative logic of words like "deprivation", but will rather live by the Word of One in whose image all are made?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES RAMSAY,
Church House, 5 Cuddesdon Way,
Blackbird Leys, Oxford.
September 21.

From Miss E. M. Manners

Sir, I was born and raised in Newcastle in the 1920s in the heart of the area affected by the recent riots. We were a poor family and sometimes hungry.

Would either the Archbishop of Canterbury or your correspondent, Dr Lipman (September 20), care to explain to me how the social deprivation which I undoubtedly suffered did not turn me into a criminal or an unmarried mother? My God-fearing parents and grandparents taught me to know right from wrong and we all attended the now non-existent St Stephen's church. I passed "the scholarship", as it was called, to the now non-existent grammar school (Rutherford College) and so progressed to university, where I was for four years so bitterly poor that I could not buy myself a twopenny cup of coffee.

Twelve years ago I retired from my work as headmistress of a girls' public school. What is wrong with me that I have not been driven to crime by "the misery and degradation" of my childhood and adolescence?

I would suggest to you that I was saved by three influences, my family, my church and my school.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH MANNERS,
6 Graham Court,
Hamilton Gardens,
Felixstowe, Suffolk.
September 20.

From Mr Christopher Wills

Sir, It must be infuriating for the Archbishop of Canterbury to have had his recent comments taken out of context with regard to the riots in Newcastle and North Shields. Surely he could have prevented this by emphasising his acceptance that a proportion of the blame must rest on the failure of the church to fulfil its role within our Christian democracy.

One of the vital tenets of leadership must be to admit to errors of omission and commission and rectify them rather than to pass the blame sideways.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER WILLS,
The Roberts Centre,
5 St James's Place, SW1.
September 23.

From Mr Martin Reid

Sir, So now we know. Eden was not all it has been cracked up to be: Adam and his spouse were "socially deprived".

Yours etc.,
MARTIN REID,
13 Rothes Park, Leslie, Fife.
September 20.

Aid in emergencies

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir, While the search for a new secretary-general for the United Nations dominates the headlines, of equal importance to people in developing countries will be the nature of the machinery which he or she controls. Your report (September 18) states that two plans for structural reform of the UN are now circulating: a European Community plan for an "aid supremo", and a wider effort aimed at a reform of the entire secretariat.

Following the problems in responding to emergencies such as the Kurdish refugee crisis this year, few would dispute the necessity of change: the question is what sort of change? Mechanisms do already exist to tackle emergencies; the problem is that they are not properly resourced, implemented and enforced.

In the light of its experience on the ground Save the Children has identified certain responsibilities which must be effectively discharged whatever institutional reorganisation takes place. For instance, detailed information must be compiled and maintained on all those countries at risk from disasters and the international community should finance the pre-positioning of buffer stocks of food and other essential items in those countries.

Donors must be more willing and better prepared to respond to emergency appeals from UN agencies, especially the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

At every stage the UN should allow for the close involvement of other donors, such as governments, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, and other non-government organisations.

The recommendations would require increased political will; better forward planning, and a willingness to learn from experience. Structural change alone will not be enough.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director General,
Save the Children,
Mary Datchelor House,
17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, SE5.
September 18.

After you?

From Mr Edward Hurworth

Sir, The 58 per cent of men who were observed by your diarist (September 17) to be "prepared to give way and usher their female partners across the threshold first" missed true chivalry by quite a wide margin. The real gentleman will open a door, go through it himself first, hold it open and, only if all is well, usher his lady through.

To send the lady through first is to use her as cannon-fodder: who knows what dangers lurk on the other side of a door.

Yours truly,
TED HURWORTH,
Compton Cottage,
180 Leeson's Hill,
Chislehurst, Kent.
September 17.

From Mrs M. Conway

Sir, Janet Daley's article "What are manners really for?" (September 17) has made me feel thoroughly snobbish — not about social class itself, but about her attitude to it.

A classless society is an impossibility. We classify ourselves and others all the time in innumerable ways — by grades of occupation, beauty, health, geniality: by qualities and attributes of every conceivable sort. Plants, animals, even railway engines are classified. It is just a method of coping with life's complexities.

We are hedged in all the time by boundaries of classification but by ingenuity, cunning or sympathy we push through some of our barriers, mingle with other classes and enlarge our understanding.

As their name implies, manners are simply ways of doing things. Good manners, and bad, occur in any and every social class.

Yours faithfully,
M. CONWAY,
10 West View, Gainford,
Darlington, Co Durham.

From Mr Richard Harbottle

Sir, I suspect that Janet Daley's view of the state of British manners is excessively influenced by her misfortune in living in the South-East.

It would never occur to me, or I believe anyone I know in this part of the world, to say "How lovely to see you" unless I meant it.

England, never mind Britain as a whole, retains a regional diversity that national surveys misleadingly blur.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HARBOTTLE,
Caponscleugh House, Allerwash,
Hexham, Northumberland.
September 17.

From Major R. A. U. Richards (retd)

Sir, I enjoyed Janet Daley's perceptive article about manners and the class system. One phenomenon that impresses me is the influence of very high earners in the field of sport and entertainment, who are not afraid to say what they think in the accent of their birth.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER RICHARDS,
28 Church Road, Leckhampton,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
September 17.

A-level results

From Mr P. V. E. Howard

Sir, The use of the A-level result tables (Mr Haden's letter, September 14) is to provide a starting point for those parents who consider (rightly or wrongly) that academic achievement is paramount and who want to identify those schools which appear to share the same view (or *mutatis mutandis* wish to avoid them).

The fact is that given the appropriate level of intelligence a pupil will tend to do better in a school where academic success is the norm rather than the exception, irrespective of whether this is due to the excellence of its teaching or the brightness of the other students.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HOWARD,
37 Ennerdale Road,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey.
September 18.

Helping hand

From Mr Gervas Steele

Sir, Large items stolen from me a few years ago (letters, September 11, 13) were kept by the police until the trial of the burglar. At the end of the hearing, late in the afternoon, I was told that I was now free to take away my property.

My car was quite inadequate for the job and there was no time at the end of the day to arrange for a carrier. I had no option but to accept the offer from the convicted burglar, who had received a suspended sentence, to drive them back for me and deliver them to the house — which he did.

Yours faithfully,
GERVAS STEELE,
The Moorings, Burnham,
Overy Staithe, Norfolk.
September 18.

Buying in space

From Mr T. J. Pope

Sir, There is self-evidently no mileage charge applicable to a vehicle fixed in geo-stationary orbit (letters, September 11, 13, 17, 19). Parking fees, however, are quite another matter.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. POPE,
16 Crescent Road,
New Barnet, Hertfordshire.
September 20.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 23: By Command of The Queen, the Earl Howe (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince of Japan, and bade farewell to his Imperial Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 23: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new Main Building of St Mary's Hospital, and Newcroft Acute Mental Illness Unit, Isle of Wight.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight (Captain the Lord Mottistone, RN).

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Margaret will present the awards on behalf of the Tidy Britain Group at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's birthday awards dinner at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, at 7.10.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit W.J. Furse and Company, Wilford, Nottingham, at 11.15; as President of the Chest Heart and Stroke Association, will launch an appeal at the Council House, Nottingham, at 12.25; and as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Dust Control Equipment Group, Humberstone Lane, Thurmaston, at 2.10. Later, as President of the Royal Institution, he will attend the Faraday bicentenary dinner at the Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall at 7.45.

The Duchess of Kent will name the RNLI's lifeboard "RNLB Grace Darling" in North Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, at 2.55.

Legal appointments

Sir Nicholas Christopher Henry Browne-Wilkinson, Sir Michael John Mustill, Lord Justices of Appeal, and **Sir Gordon Slynn**, a Judge of the Court of the European Communities, to be Lords of Appeal in Ordinary. **Sir Donald James Nicholls**, a Lord Justice of Appeal, to be Vice-Chancellor.

Sir Johan Steyn and **Sir Richard Rashleigh Folliott Scott**, Justices of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, to be Lord Justices of Appeal.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev David Walker, Team Vicar, Maltby Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Bramley and Ravenfield (Sheffield).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Tony Darby, Vicar, St Mary Magdalen, Hearsall and Rural Dean of Coventry South (Coventry): to retire as from 30 September.

The Rev David Fraser, Vicar, Christ Church, Surbiton Hill (Southwark): to retire as from 31 October.

The Rev Kenneth Livesey, Vicar, St Stephen and All Martyrs, Lowermoor, Oldham (Manchester): to resign as from 30 September.

The Rev Canon Dr Wilfred Pemberton, Rector, Wilne and Draycott w Breaston, and an Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral (Derby): to retire as from 7 October. He has been appointed a Canon Emeritus.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr C. Wilfrid Newton was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Institute of Biology

The following have been elected to Fellowship and are permitted to use the designatory letters CBiol FIBiol:

Dr P.F.S. Cornelius; Dr K.M. Homewood; Professor R.F. Newbold; Mr W.J. Simpson; Mr A.N. Smith; Mr J.V. Wilkins.

Papplewick School

The Governors of Papplewick School, Ascot, are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr David Rhidian Llewellyn, BA, Senior Housemaster at the Dragon School, Oxford, as Headmaster to succeed Mr Stuart Morris, with effect from January 1, 1992.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, writer, London, 1717; Georges Claude, engineer, Paris, 1870; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, Elstead, Surrey, 1890; F. Scott Fitzgerald, novelist, St Paul, Minnesota, 1896; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist, creator of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, Adelaide, 1898; Sir William Dobell, painter, Newcastle, NSW, 1899.

DEATHS: Paracelsus, physician, Salzburg, 1541; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Copenhagen, 1904; Melanie Klein, psychoanalyst, London, 1960.

Clockmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Clockmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr C.L. Clarke; Senior Warden, Mr J.R. Cope; Renter Warden, Mr J.N.W. Smith; Junior Warden, Mr S.J. Thornton.

Service dinner

RAF Club Dining Society
Lord Justice Butler-Sloss was the guest of honour at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont presided and Group Captain J.H. Constable also spoke.

Dinner

Royal Society/Fellowship of Engineering
Professor F. Press, President of the US National Academy of Sciences, delivered the second joint Royal Society/Fellowship of Engineering lecture at 6 Carlton House Terrace yesterday. Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, presided. Afterwards, Sir William Barlow, President of the Fellowship of Engineering, was host at a dinner held in honour of Professor Press. Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, Vice-President and Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society, also spoke.

Luncheon

British-American Chamber of Commerce
The twenty first Annual Luncheon of the BACC was held yesterday at the Hotel Intercontinental. The President, Mr John Ruzich, presided and the Guest of Honour and Speaker was Mr Charles W. Moritz, Chairman and CEO of The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

Guests on the head table were:

Sir Allen Sheppard, Chairman of the BACC Advisory Board, Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, the Right Hon the Lord Boyd-Carpenter, the Right Hon the Lord Ezra, the Hon Rocco Forte, the Hon Mrs Sarah Hogg, Sir David Plastow, Sir John Quinton, the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, Professor Sir Roland Smith, Sir Christopher Tugendhat and Sir Brian Wolfson.

Marriage

**Mr P.J. Hodgson
and Miss H.A. Jacobson**
The marriage took place on August 10, at St Leonards Chapel, St Andrews, between Mr Peter John Hodgson, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Hodgson, of Wimbledon, and Miss Hilary Amanda Jacobson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan Jacobson, of Dundee.

OBITUARIES

JOHN LEESE

John Leese, Editor-in-Chief of the London Evening Standard *from 1986 to March this year, died yesterday aged 61. He was born on January 4, 1930.*

UNDER the editorship of John Leese, the *Evening Standard* successfully beat off a challenge to its monopoly status as London's only evening paper. In the process the *Standard* increased its circulation by more than 12 per cent, enlarged its size, often by as many as 20 pages a day, and improved its readership profile to the extent that 72 per cent of its readers were from the most affluent ABC1 categories.

Earlier Leese had designed and edited the *Mail on Sunday's* colour magazine, *You*, with such distinction that his efforts were credited with contributing to the immediate and continued growth of the paper's circulation.

Leese's editorial philosophy at the *Standard* was that London should be reported as a state of mind rather than simply a physical place. It is a concept which prevails widely among New Yorkers and Leese encountered this when he spent 18 months as editor and publisher of *SoHo News*, a lifestyle weekly newspaper with a magazine format published in Manhattan in the early 1980s. Back in Fleet Street he developed his own notions in this respect, urging his staff to move away from merely providing "local" news coverage. His New York experience also served to strengthen his belief in the value of his reporters living the kind of life they were writing about and he sought this kind of informed expertise from his London staff.

John Arthur Leese was educated at Bishop Vesey's School, Warwickshire, and began his journalistic career on local papers in the Midlands. He was appointed editor of the *Coventry Evening Telegraph* at the age of 34 and remained in that post for six years. In 1970 he moved to Fleet Street to become deputy editor of the London *Evening News*. He moved into a management post with Associated Newspapers in 1976 from where he was seconded in 1980 to supervise the editorial department of the *Evening News* in the sensitive period leading to the paper's demise. He edited the last 15 editions of the *News* before its closure in November that year. The efficiency, not to mention the compassion, he displayed in this task led Associated Newspapers to dispatch him to New York to take charge of *SoHo News* which was the flagship of its American operations. Leese demonstrated a flair for magazine journalism which equalled his newspaper expertise. He doubled the weekly's circulation and increased the cover price by a quarter. The paper continued to make a net loss, however, and Associated decided to close it. Leese was brought back to London by Associated Newspapers to play a crucial role in the struggle to keep its newest and most ambitious publishing venture, *The Mail on Sunday*, from foundering. The paper had been launched in the spring of 1982 but was finding the going rough. In a desperate attempt to revive circulation, the launch of a colour supplement was brought forward six months to October 1982. Leese was given the task of designing and editing the magazine. The impact of *You* was such that it restored the flagging fortunes of the *Mail on Sunday*.

Leese became editor of the *Standard* at a moment when the paper was widely regarded as requiring a revamp and when Robert Maxwell was about to launch the *London Daily News* in an attempt to break the *Standard's* monopoly in the capital. Leese entered the fray with relish, redesigning the paper, recruiting new writers and generally revitalising the editorial content. He targeted the affluent young people working in the West End and the City, striving to give the paper a sense of urgency and excitement. He bolstered the listings and entertainment sections and strengthened the financial analysis and comment columns. He said at the time: "An editorial staff needs to believe it's the cavalry. All great newspapers have had that. The *Express* used to have it; the *Mirror* used to have it. More than anything I'd like to restore that feeling at the *Standard*."

His editorial efforts were reenforced by Associated Newspapers' tactical move in relaunching the old *Evening News* as a "spoiler" and the Maxwell challenge proved to be an ignominious failure.

In victory Leese displayed characteristic modesty saying: "It's no good asking an editor how he does it. The truth is that elements that make for a profitable and successful newspaper simply cannot be reduced to a formula, not even a secret one. A good newspaper is not like a bottle of Coke."

Leese was a cheerful, tough, chain-smoking newspaperman well respected by his colleagues. He retired because of ill-health. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

RICHARD COLLINS

Richard Collins, dancer and ballet teacher, died in Lexington, Kentucky, on September 19 aged 46 after a motoring accident. He was born in Copdock, Suffolk, on June 9, 1945.

RICHARD Collins's life in ballet is an example of how enthusiasm and determination can overcome what would normally be thought insuperable disadvantages. He came to dancing at a late age and knew that he was limited by his physique in the range of roles that would be open to him. But he managed, in spite of restricting regulations then in force, to become the first western student at the Bolshoi school in Moscow and thereafter he carved out for himself a career which was cut short just as he had risen to be artistic director of his own company in the United States.

The son of Canon John Collins (famous as a leading campaigner for nuclear disarmament), Richard Jonathan Collins was educated at Eton and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a second in history. The old Royal Ballet touring company first inspired his love of dance and he was soon queuing at Convent Garden to see Fonteyn and Nureyev. Developing a wish to become a dancer himself, he was able, thanks to his tenacity and his record of athletics, to persuade the Royal Ballet School to accept him in 1967. But he had already started trying to arrange to study in Russia, only to be told that there was no authority for this under the cultural exchange agreements then operating. Three years of repeated request were needed before he finally won a place at the Bolshoi. A travelling fellowship from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust enabled him to take it up.

Beryl Grey, then directing London Festival Ballet, had seen him in Moscow and offered him a contract, but although his dancing included some spectacular tricks it proved too rough and uneven. He had more success as a dancer with the Irish Ballet, based in Cork, where he also began teaching. His intelligence and the fact that as a late starter he had been unusually conscious of the processes involved in forming the body for ballet gave him a special aptitude for training others, and his unique Russian experience was a further qualification.

Brenda Last, then directing the Norwegian National Ballet, invited him to Oslo as ballet master, and thus began a series of appointments or guest engagements with leading companies in Britain (the Royal Ballet as well as English National Ballet), several European countries, the Far East and eventually the USA. A year ago the Cincinnati Ballet promoted him from ballet master to artistic director when Ivan Nagy moved to London. Collins inherited a deficit of half a million dollars and had to reduce the company from 42 to 28 dancers and its working year to seven months. However, his happy idea of persuading the popular Irish group The Chieftains to sing the folksong score of Christopher Bruce's ballet *Sergeant Early's Dream* proved enormously popular, leading to prospects of an extensive European and Russian tour in 1992 which may yet take place.

He wrote a vivid account of his Russian years, *Behind the Bolshoi Curtain*, and a novel, *Minka*, set in Russia; also a musical, *Punko*, which ran for four years in Warsaw. He was twice married.

SIR Y. K. PAO

Sir Yue-Kong Pao, CBE, shipping and property magnate, known universally as Sir Y. K. Pao, died in Hong Kong on September 23 aged 72. He was born on November 10, 1918.

SIR Y. K. Pao made his fortune and his name in shipping, buying his first vessel in 1955 and becoming by the early 1980s one of the three giants among the Hong Kong merchant fleet owners and one of the richest men in the world. Yet by the time Margaret Thatcher launched one of his ships in 1984 he had already shifted two-thirds of his funds out of shipping and into property. In a single year he had cut his fleet by almost a third, anticipating the bad times which were soon to cripple so much of the rest of the shipping industry.

It was the kind of unsentimental well-thought out business decision for which he was famous. A man who abhorred gambling and preferred to get a small return on a sure investment than play for high stakes on a hunch, Pao always liked to attribute his success to his thorough financial homework.

Pao was not always in shipping. Born in Ningpo, China into a wealthy family – his father Pao Sui-loong inherited a shoe-making factory in Hankow, and later moved to Shanghai where he bought a paper-mill and opened up a gold and silver shop – the young Pao originally went into banking. It was the career his father had mapped out for him. With the Communist takeover in 1949, however, the Pao family joined the stream of refugees for Hong Kong. He spoke no Cantonese – the British colony's native Chinese dialect – and only faltering English.

But together father and son began a trading business, bringing Taiwan sugar in for the mainland China market and importing Chinese goods for onward export. But inspired by the ships in Hong Kong harbour, and finding banking and trading too tame, he was soon looking for backers to turn a dream into a sound financial enterprise. Despite his father's warnings he went to the Hongkong Bank, the colony's oldest and largest, and asked for a loan. With that he bought his first ship. More than 30 years later, he was thought to have amassed a fortune of around US$3.5 billions. His main quoted companies, World International and Wharf Holdings, through which his empire is run are supplemented by an investment arm, World-Wide Investment. The most glamorous element of his business is the upmarket department store Lane Crawford, often described as the Harrods of Hong Kong.

Like other Hong Kong tycoons he gave enormous sums to charities and foundations, endowing a university and other projects in his native Ningpo. He was a member of the Peking-appointed committee that oversaw the drafting of Hong Kong's post-1997 mini-constitution – the Basic Law – and liked to maintain good relations with the Peking government, Hong Kong's future rulers.

Jovial and charming as well as ruthless and pugnacious, he liked nothing better than hobnobbing with statesmen and royalty, often arranging to meet them as if by chance. He spent his latter years in a round of meetings with Mrs Thatcher, President Bush, the Chinese patriarch Deng Xiaoping and many others.

Rumours of a terminal illness that had been circulating for more than a year before his death were countered with jokes about his good health and passion for exercise. He was a keen swimmer and enjoyed playing golf. Having no male heirs, he was faced with the problem, on his retirement a few years ago, of how to ensure that the family business should be maintained. He decided the best way was to divide the empire and have it managed by his four sons-in-law – a Chinese banker, an Austrian lawyer, a Japanese architect and a Chinese cancer-specialist. He encouraged his daughters to take an active role in their husbands' businesses. It is thought the task of holding the Pao businesses together will now fall to the daughters.

Sir Y. K. Pao, who was knighted in 1978, is survived by his wife, Lady Pao, and his daughters.

PATRICK DUFF

Sir Brian Cubbon writes:

PATRICK Duff (obituary September 9) was my tutor when I went up to Cambridge for the Trinity scholarship examination in 1945. He endeared himself to me, on my first journey south of the Trent, by saying that he expected me to win an award. Duff embodied Trinity's respect for quality and scholarship. When he sent me one of his postcards congratulating me on my KCB, he said that none of his pupils had had one of those before, but added – almost in passing – that two (!) had been awarded the Garter in the same honours list. In the same postcard he mentioned that when the Duke of Edinburgh had been installed as chancellor of the university the orator had worked the phrase *extracto digito* into his address. Conscientiously, he sent a further postcard the next day saying that he should of course have written *extricato digito*. I then spent an hour with a dusty *Lewis and Short*, trying to understand why *extracto* was not acceptable.

THEO COWAN

Stella McGurk writes:

YOUR obituary of Theo Cowan (September 18) could not paint a complete picture of this delightful man without expanding on your mention of the friendship he shared with so very many children of all ages and the joy they derived from being in his company. They were attracted to his unusual and wonderfully eccentric character like moths to a lightbulb. He enjoyed their friendship as an equal and he made them laugh.

He never missed the summer carnival held annually at the school of my daughter – a ten year old friend of long-standing – and recently hastened from a lunch with Sir Harry Secombe and Michael Caine, two slightly older friends, to keep that annual tryst where the groaning and constantly replenished tea-tables enabled him to burnish his "Beau Nosh" reputation continuously throughout the afternoon, deriving equal pleasure from these two disparate occasions without doubt.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.G.P. Burnett
and the Hon Nicola Cross**
The engagement is announced between Audley George Parry, son of Lieutenant Colonel G.P. Burnett, of Winchester, Hampshire, and the late Mrs G.P. Burnett, and Nicola, younger daughter of Viscount Cross, and of Mrs Gerald Culme-Seymour, of Cartmel, Cumbria.

**Mr S.J. Goss
and Miss A.M. Houghton**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Goss, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.M.G. Houghton, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr P.G. Greswold
and Miss K.L. Price**
The engagement is announced between Peter Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert G. Greswold, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, and Kathryn Lavinia, younger daughter of the late Mr Richard Henry Price, of Shrewsbury, and Mme Jean Penicaud and stepdaughter of M Louis Penicaud, of Paris.

**Mr A.S.D. Lyons
and Miss S.H. Pilcher**
The engagement is announced between Seamus, younger son of the late Mr F.J. Lyons and of Mrs M.J. Burke and stepson of Mr M.J. Burke, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Pilcher, of Steventon, Hampshire.

**Mr R.J. Revell
and Miss A-M.F. Kane**
The engagement is announced between Richard John Sheridan, only son of Group Captain and Mrs John Revell, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Anne-Marie Fenella, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William O'Kane, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.

**Mr R.G. Simpson
and Miss J.A. Laidlaw**
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Simpson, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Sir Christophor and Lady Laidlaw, of Rougham, Suffolk.

**Mr R.A. Smart
and Miss J.L. Poole**
The engagement is announced between Russell, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Smart, of Nailsea, Bristol, and Julia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.R. Poole, of Cobham, Surrey.

**Mr R.M. Stables
and Miss S.J. Seagrave**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Stables, of Allestree, Derbyshire, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Seagrave, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Memorial services

Mr Douglas Tovey
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Douglas Tovey was held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev Gordon Watkins officiated. Mr Peter S. Winfield read the lesson and Mr Edward Erdman, Founder of Edward Erdman Surveyors, gave an address.

Mr Charles Maxwell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Charles Maxwell was held yesterday in Eton College Chapel. The Rev John Witheridge, Conduct of Eton College, officiated and the Rev Brian Saunders read the prayers.

Dr David Maxwell, brother, read an epitaph published in the *Eton Chronicle* of November 23, 1916 and Mr T.S.B. Card, Vice-Provost of Eton, read the lesson. The Rev Norman Drummond, Headmaster of Loretto School, gave an address.

Warrant Officer I (Pipe Major Instructor) J.C. Rafferty, The Black Watch, played *Lochaber No More* and a jig, *Charlie Maxwell*.

Professor Roger Gilliatt

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Roger Gilliatt is to be held on Friday, October 18, at 5pm, at St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London, NW1. A reception follows afterwards at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park. Would those wishing to attend please notify the Secretary to the Institute of Neurology, National Hospital, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG. Tel: 071-837 3611 extension 4137.

New chapter opens in East-West relations

By Joe Joseph

A CYNIC might think it the perfect solution to a problem. Send the Russians books that some in England sniff at, like Jeffrey Archer's *Kane and Abel* or the Prince of Wales's *A Vision Of Britain*, fly them out on one of Aeroflot's famous no-frills jets, which have always been better suited to inanimate cargo than human beings, and thus help to restock Soviet libraries.

In fact the British publishers who have been tapped by Book Aid, a charity launched yesterday to send one million books to the Soviet Union to help it recover from its cultural cold war, have acted quickly and generously.

The donations are not just what you might find in remainder shops, such as books of Erté drawings and 1982 Fodor Guides to Belgium. There is John le Carre's *The Russia House*, the first part of Michael Holroyd's biography of Bernard Shaw, and Bernard Levin's *Hannibal's Footsteps*. Batsford is offering *Practical Thermal Design in Buildings*, much needed by every Soviet architect. From Walker Books are copies of *A Visit From The Bear*, which is not a tale of a midnight visit from the KGB, but a children's story. About 30,000 books have been sent. Another 10,000 are on their way this morning. The plan is to send 50,000 books a week. For Russians keen to learn about the West it is a small cultural revolution.

Book Aid's organisers, who include Roger Graef, the film-maker who launched and chairs the new charity, and Tim Waterstone, head of the Waterstone's book chain, are thrilled by the response. So are the Soviet recipients.

"We need to learn how a free society works," Professor Vyacheslav Ivanov, director of Moscow's Library of Foreign Literature, said yesterday. The books will go to 275 provincial libraries. "Unfortunately our people have no practice in taking their own decisions. They are too used to taking orders from above. Books from the West can help us."

Next on the schedule is a public appeal for books which can be deposited at any Waterstone shop. When the appeal is launched later this year, Book Aid will need people to help sort and pack books. Volunteers should contact Rachel Barraclough at Waterstone's Booksellers, Ixworth House, 37 Ixworth Place, London SW3 3QH.

Birthdays today

Miss Svetlana Beriozova, ballerina, 59; Sir Mervyn Brown, diplomat, 68; Professor T.E. Burlin, rector, Central London Polytechnic, 60; Sir Seymour Egerton, former chairman, Coutts and Company, 76; Mr Brian Glanville, author, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Grose, 54; Professor Richard Hoggart, former warden, Goldsmith's College, 73; Sir Robin Kinahan, Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast, 75; Sir David Lane, former MP, 69; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 75; Professor G.P. McNicol, vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 62; Professor Bernard Nevill, designer, 57; Mr Anthony Newley, actor and singer, 60; Sir Andrzej Panufnik, composer and conductor, 77; Miss Catherine Pestell, principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 58; Professor Sir Owen Saunders, former vice-chancellor, London University, 87; Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Smeeton, 79; Mr L. Urquhart, chairman, Burmah Castrol, 56; Mr Justice Warner, 67; Dr Manfred Wörner, secretary-general, Nato, 57.

Institution of Civil Engineers

The following members of the Institution of Civil Engineers have been recently transferred to the senior grade of Fellow:

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City council banned from selling off house

By Marcus Binney, Architecture Correspondent

A RULING by the Attorney-general has prevented Liverpool city council from selling a handsome Georgian mansion bequeathed to the city for use as an art gallery, museum and library.

The local residents' association concerned that the house was standing empty and boarded up, contacted descendants of Thomas Clarke who left the house to the corporation. The family then instructed a solicitor to take up the case.

The Attorney-general has ruled that the gift was a charitable one and that the city cannot simply sell the property and use funds as it wishes. Even if the Charity Commissioners, to whom the case will now be referred, were to agree a sale, the proceeds will have to be used for charitable purposes.

The house, Allerton Hall, stands in spacious grounds southeast of the city centre and was completed in 1812 for William Roscoe, one of Liverpool's most famous sons. His father was an inn keeper and he was fired by his mother with an interest in literature, teaching himself Latin, Greek, French and Italian. As an MP he was a leading campaigner for the abolition of the slave trade. At Allerton he built up a large library and collection of old master paintings and prints but was forced to sell up in 1816 when his bank failed.

In 1888 the house was acquired by Thomas Clarke, one of the founders of Imperial Tobacco. After 1926, though the grounds were used as a public park, the house stood empty until world war two when it was used for storing sandbags.

From 1965 the house was leased for banquets but in 1989 the tenants went into liquidation owing the city corporation £175,000 in rent. Fire damaged the house but an insurance claim is pending.

Chris Hulme, chairman of the Springwood Residents Association, says: "The ideal use for the hall would be to exhibit William Roscoe's collection of paintings, many of which are now in store at the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool."

The city corporation has the right to appeal against the Attorney-general's ruling. However, if it stands, the ruling will have important implications for many fine country houses around large industrial cities which were bequeathed to city corporations for public purposes.

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The Lord has told you mortals what is good, and what it is that the Lord requires of you: only to act justly, to love loyalty, to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 REB

BIRTHS

BEAZLEY - On September 22nd, to Sarah (née Flory) and Nicholas, a daughter, Harriet (Hattie) Alice.

BIXER - On September 20th, to Caroline (née Rae) and Daniel, a son, Sidney Myer Alexander.

COE - On September 22nd, to Alice (née Smee) and Stephen, a son, Edward John.

ESCOMBE - On September 21st, to Jacqueline (née Hughes-Williams) and Jonathan, a son.

FARMILOE - On September 23rd at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Cheryl and Terry, a daughter, Mimi.

FITCH-ELLIS - see Preston.

GARDNER - On September 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Penelope (née Chloros) and Piers, a son, Philip Anthony, a brother for Alexander, Nicholas and Zoe.

GLASSE - On September 17th, to Pamela (née Main) and Henry, a daughter, Hannah Margaret Elizabeth, a sister for Jamie.

HANCOCK - On September 22nd in W. London, to Fenya (née Sharkey) and William, a daughter, Lettice Floriena, a sister for Mathias.

HENDERSON-CLELAND - On September 21st 1991, to Victoria (née Slade) and Hugh, a daughter, Charlotte May, a sister for Georgia.

HUNTER - On September 23rd 1991, in London, to Louise and John, a son, Frederick (Freddie) Robert John.

JAMES - On September 16th, to Sophie (née Chalmers) and Andrew, a son: Caspian.

LAWS - On September 21st, to Gill (née Piper) and Ian, a son, Andrew Robert, first grandson for June and Pip, Jean and Alf.

PEARSE - On September 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Angela (née Neal) and John, a son, Thomas Rombulow, a brother for William.

PIZZONI - On September 19th, at Winchester, to Fiona (née McLean) and Vincenzo, a son, Alexander Edmund Paul, a brother for Madeline.

PRESTON - On September 21st, at Heavytree Hospital, Exeter, to Sophie 'Blossom' (née Fitch-Ellis) and Nick, a son, Romilly. Grateful thanks to all staff.

REBUFFA - On September 16th, to Celia (née Baird-Smith) and Christophe, the gift of a son, Thomas Alexandre, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

SHIN BOTIN - On September 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Carolina and Christian, a daughter, Claudia Hae-chu.

STANNARD - On September 21st, to Mary and Paul, a daughter, Philippa Mary Geraldine, a sister for Henry.

WARLOW - On September 21st, in Hong Kong, to Paula (née Weeks) and Simon, a daughter.

WILSON - On September 20th, to Margot (née Senior) and David, a daughter, Isabella, a sister for Toby.

WOLSTENHOLME - On September 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Kim (née Whitby) and Richard, a daughter, Charlotte Louise, sister to Nicola Jayne.

YOUNG - On September 23rd, to Cecilia (Cee) and Alan, a daughter, Katherine Anne, a sister for Michael and Laura.

MARRIAGES

BREWSTER:SUMMERSON - On September 21st, at Rugby, Colin to Jennifer.

DESBOROUGH:PERRY - On September 23rd 1991 in Swansea, Peter to Prue.

HARRIS:BREWER - On September 21st 1991 at 2.30pm at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, St Martin's Place, London WC2, between David Nigel Fraser and Tessa Alexandra.

MARTIN:WOODWARD - On September 21st, at St Mary's Church, Battersea, Timothy John Martin to Amanda Jane Woodward.

DEATHS

AKROYD - Suddenly, Anthony Jackson, aged 57 years. Funeral at Servite Priory, Fulham Road, on Wednesday October 2nd at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 071-937 0757.

DEATHS

BINNEY - On September 21st, peacefully in hospital at Cannes, in his 92nd year, William Max, Eldest son of the Rev. Max and Mrs Emily Binney, dearly loved by his daughter Beatrice Pestalozzi, his five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

BRADDICK - On Friday September 20th 1991, Edith Muriel (Midge) aged 88 years. Dearly loved by Oliver and Janette and grandchildren Fleur, Hugo, Lorrin and Ione. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday September 27th at 12.30 pm. Donations, if desired, in place of flowers may be sent to UNICEF, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2.

CAOLA - On September 20th 1991, at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, Frank Peter, aged 82. Widower of Doris and greatly beloved father of Judith and grandfather of Kate and Lizzie. Requiem Mass on Thursday September 26th at 10.30 at St Mary's Church, Holly Place, Hampstead, NW3, followed by cremation at East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London, WC1H 0RA.

CLARKE - On September 21st 1991, peacefully at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Dr. Patrick James Holland, in his 81st year. Beloved husband of the late Cicily Margaret Clarke, father of Rosaleen, Patricia and Sheena, grandfather of Laura and father-in-law of Tim. Funeral Mass will take place at the Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Friday September 27th at 10am, followed by interment at Merton and Sutton Cemetery at 11am. Flowers and enquiries to Fredk. W. Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, tel: (081) 946 1974.

CLINTON-THOMAS - On September 22nd 1991, in Devonshire, whilst on holiday, Charles L., F.R.C.S., beloved husband of Mary. Family funeral.

COMBEN - On September 19th 1991, at the Mayday Hospital, Croydon, Sybil Gladys, beloved sister of Dermod. Funeral 10.45 am at All Saints Church, Upper Norwood, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. John 11 V25. Enquiries to F. Chappell & Sons 081-688 0322.

EALES - On September 22nd 1991, peacefully at home after a short illness, in her 96th year, Alleen Kate (Buttercup), widow of Ralph and dearly beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Private family cremation, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her life to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, at 12.15 pm on Friday October 11th. Donations if you please to be sent to Frank Davey Funeral Director of Hurstpierpoint, in aid of Mother Therese of Calcutta and/or The International League for the Protection for Horses.

EGGLETON - On September 21st, peacefully in hospital, Harold (Bob), much loved husband of Enid and devoted father of John and Margaret; father-in-law of Yvonne and Bill and grandfather of Andrew, Christine, Richard and Victoria. Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth, Surrey, at 1.30 pm on Thursday September 26th, followed by cremation at Randall's Park, Leatherhead. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation c/o Stoneman, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill.

FIDGIN - On September 17th 1991, suddenly, Douglas Michael Fidgin, Canon Emeritus of Salisbury. The funeral has already taken place in Cheshire. Thanksgiving Service to be held at All Saints, Portland, Dorset, October 26th at noon. Donations for training a priest in the South Pacific to Canon Jack Roundhill, 2 River Park, Marlborough, Wilts., SN8 1NH.

FORD - On September 21st 1991, peacefully at home in Hythe, Kent, Henry Limon, aged 79 years. Former Higher Superintendent, H.M. Waterguard, Custom and Excise, Dover. Dear husband of Dorothy, father of Gillian, Robin and Helen. Funeral Service Charing Crematorium on Friday September 27th at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations to Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury, would be appreciated.

DEATHS

GORDON-DUFF - On September 21st 1991, in Tenbury Wells, Ellen Susan, aged 88 years. Wife of Major John Gordon-Duff. Funeral Service at St Lawrence Church, Lindridge, on Friday September 27th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Tenbury Hospital League of Friends, Tenbury Wells. Enquiries to A.H. Caldicott & Sons Funeral Directors, 11 Cross Street, Tenbury Wells, tel: (0584) 810281.

HIRSCH - On September 17th, peacefully, Herman, late of Clarges Street, London, W1. Mourned by his widow Margit.

HOMFRAY - On September 22nd 1991, suddenly at home, Andrew, aged 74, very much loved husband of Jo and much loved father of Gillian, Guy, Alexa and Mandy. Memorial Service at St Clement's Church, Sandwich, on Friday September 27th at 11 am. Family flowers only.

HUBERT - On September 22nd, peacefully at home in Bredon's Norton, Margaret Raymonde, a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Family funeral service. Arrangements for a Service of Remembrance will be announced later.

ILIESCU - On September 9th, at Charing Cross Hospital, Ecaterina, a much loved and respected friend by all who knew her around the world. Funeral Service on Thursday September 26th at Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Moscow Road, Bayswater at 11 am. Interment will be held at Gunnersbury Cemetery at 12.30 pm. Flowers to Kenyons, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2, before 9.30 am.

JAFFÉ - On September 19th, 1991, peacefully in St Georges Hospital, Bernard Jaffé, beloved Pa of Roberta, Anthony and Caroline, and Opa to Camilla and Otto. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Friday September 27th 1991 at Christchurch, Copse Hill, Wimbledon, SW19. No flowers please. Donations to Leukaemia Research Fund, St Georges Hospital Medical School.

KIDSTON - On 22nd September 1991, Susan, widow of Archibald Kidston of Glanwye, Builth Wells. Mother of Jane, Catherine, George and Hugo. Funeral at St Peter's, Glasbury at 2.30pm on Thursday 26th September. Flowers to the Church.

LEESE - On September 23rd, at home, John Arthur, aged 61 years. Beloved husband of Maureen, dear father of Michael and Julie. Former Editor-in-Chief Evening Standard. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Beckenham, Kent, on Friday September 27th at 12.30 pm, to be followed by private cremation. Enquiries to H. Copeland & Sons Ltd (081) 650-2298. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research. Friends and colleagues welcome at Church. Memorial Service to follow at later date.

MARTIN - On September 20th 1991, at Clinica, Benidorm, Spain, Colonel Alan Weston Martin O.B.E., aged 78, dearly loved husband of Gwen, father of Anne, stepfather of Gail and grandfather of Mark, Paul, Helen and Emma. Funeral Service at Altea 10.30 am Tuesday September 24th.

McCANN - On September 23rd, Dom Cuthbert McCann, monk of Downside Abbey, aged 82. Funeral Friday September 27th at 11.30 am. R.I.P.

MORTON - On September 21st, suddenly at home, Beatrice Laura Morton, in her 83rd year. Much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral St Paul's, Cambridge at 11 am September 30th.

NEWNES - On September 22nd 1991, at home, Maurice of Tansor, Peterborough, dear husband of Mary and brother of Rowland. Funeral Service will be held at Peterborough Crematorium on Thursday September 26th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but if desired donations may be given to the Woodland Trust, c/o Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell, near Oundle, Peterborough. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Maurice Newnes will be held at Tansor Church on Thursday October 10th at 2.30 pm.

RUBIN - On September 22nd, at home in Geneva, Stanley, beloved husband of Hilda and father of Gale and Georgina.

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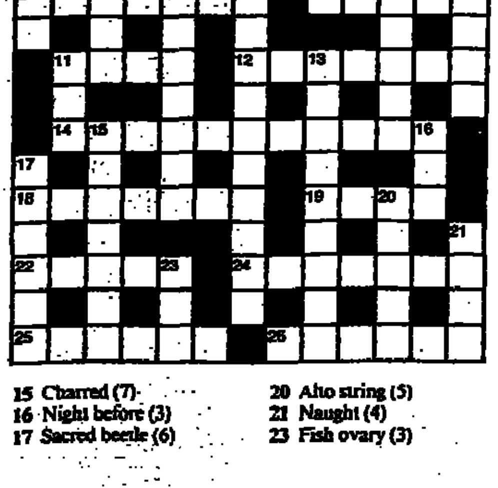

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DEATHS

OWEN - On September 22nd 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness, Robert Armstrong Cecil, F.R.C.S., Ch.M., aged 76 years. Much loved husband of Joyce and father of Robert and Martin. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pier Head, Liverpool, on Friday September 27th at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be sent to St John's Hospice, Mount Road, Bebington, Wirral, L63 6JE.

PEJIĆ - On Friday September 20th 1991 at Trafford General Hospital, Radovan Tihomir. Beloved younger son of the late Judge Tihomir and the late Mrs Zorka Pejić of Belgrade and loved brother of the late Milorad, formerly Major of the Royal Yugoslavian Air Force and later British Citizen, a dear and true friend aged 88 years. Service at Manchester Crematorium at 3 pm on Thursday September 26th.

RAPKIN - On September 23rd 1991, peacefully in his sleep at home, Leon Vincent, beloved husband of Franceska and devoted father of Simon and Sarah. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11 (West Chapel) on Wednesday September 25th at 3.30 pm. No flowers by request but donations, if wished, to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ. Prayers at Eaglewood, Oxhey Lane, Hatch End, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1st, 2nd, 3rd October at 8pm, all welcome.

SALT - On September 19th 1991, Col. John Stevenson, in Harare, husband of Nicki.

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS - On Sunday September 22nd, Eve (née Rudman), in peace at home after her recent illness, aged 68. Dearly loved wife of John and mother to Patricia, Jonathan, Alison, Emma and Alexandra. She will be missed by her many friends of flesh and fur. Funeral St Anne's Church, Siston, near Bristol, Monday September 30th at 2 pm and afterwards at The Old Rectory. Donations preferred to Cancer Relief or Marie Curie Nursing.

SINCLAIR - On September 22nd, peacefully at home in Virginia, USA, Thomas Roland Leckie, formerly of Belfast. Beloved husband of Jean, father and grandfather.

STEAD - On September 21st 1991, peacefully at home in Thornton-Le-Dale, Cpl. Gordon Sidney Pearson Stead, M.B.E., aged 73 years. Husband of the late Margaret and loving father of John, Rosemarie and Petulia. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Thornton-Le-Dale, on Friday September 27th at 2 pm. Flowers to R.H. Barnes, Roxby Road, Thornton-Le-Dale, or if preferred, donations to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

SUMNER - On September 18th, peacefully, Louise Marie, aged 85, pianiste. Funeral to be held at St Edmund's Catholic Church, Nelson Road, Whitton, Middlesex, on Thursday September 26th at 11 am.

TAGART - On September 20th 1991, at his home in Cambridge, R.E.B. (Robin) Tagart, M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Cremation on Thursday September 26th 1991 at 12.30 pm, Cambridge Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Leukaemia Research or Marie Curie Foundation, c/o C.R.S. Funeral Service, 34 James Street, Cambridge.

THOMAS - On September 21st, Mary Monro, daughter of the late Rev. H.M. and Mrs Thomas, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxon. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne, at 3 pm on Thursday September 26th.

TURNER - On September 20th, very suddenly and peacefully, Ian George Walton, aged 57, darling husband of Judy, dearest father of Jonathan, Gina and Michael and much loved father-in-law, brother and uncle. Private cremation, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth, on Thursday September 26th at 1.30 pm. Donations if desired to Friends of the Earth Rain Forests Appeal, c/o Crews & Son, Tower Street, Exmouth. Please note change of service time.

VAN DER SCHRIECK - On September 19th, at St George's Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, Helen, widow of Jos. Enquiries to Diamond & Son Funeral Directors. (0590) 672060.

WALL - On Friday September 20th 1991, at home after an illness bravely endured: Joan, loving and much loved wife of John, mother of Robert, David, Ian and Andrew, grandmother of Georgina and Emily. Funeral at North East Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden Lane, Morden, Surrey, on Monday September 30th at 12 noon. Family flowers only: donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, London, WC2A 3PX.

WARREN - On September 21st, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, suddenly, Charles Peter Warren, aged 66, formerly Headmaster of Cheshunt School, Herts, but now of Ullapool, Rosshire, much loved husband of Joan and father of Charles and Paul. Funeral Service Ullapool Parish Church on Thursday September 26th at 1 pm. Memorial Service at Cuffley Free Church on a date to be announced. 'Well Done good and faithful servant. Come and share your Master's happiness.'

WOOD - On September 23rd 1991, peacefully at his home in Bath, Nigel Richard, much loved husband of Janet and a devoted father of Catherine, Malcolm and Andrew. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Wellsway, Bath, on Friday September 27th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Bridgecare or St Luke's Building Project c/o St Luke's Vicarage, Hatfield Road, Bath, BA2 2BD.

WOODS - On September 19th, peacefully in Horsham Hospital, Dr. Douglas Eric, dearly loved husband of Mary, father of John, Diana and Christopher and loving grandfather. Service at Worth Crematorium on Wednesday September 25th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Royal Society of Chemistry Benevolent Fund, Milton Road, Cambridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HADDEN-PATON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Adrian Hadden-Paton will be held at The Guards Chapel, London, on Wednesday September 25th at 12 noon.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FOULKES - The family of the late Dr. David Foulkes, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for cards, letters and donations sent in his memory to The British Heart Foundation and R.S.P.B.

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DATED this 21st day of August 1991
Nigel John Hamilton-Smith, Joint Liquidator

AMOS BROOME ASSOCIATES PLC
Registered number: 2138946. Nature of business: Architects. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Phillip Rodney Sykes and John Roger Hill (office holder nos): 6119 and 5737. Address: BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1991 at 10.30 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 16th day of September 1991
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Company Number: 1466337
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Dated the 13th day of September 1991
K.P Barry, FCA
and S.D. Swaden, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

FORCE ONE LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number: 2081035
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA and KEVIN PAUL BARRY, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Wednesday, 11th September, 1991 by Barclays Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed and Floating Charge dated 29th March, 1988.
Dated the 11th day of September 1991
S.D Swaden, FCA
and K.P. Barry, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE MATTER OF
T.I.C.C. SKILLCENTRES (SOUTHERN) LTD
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 24th day of October 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 12th day of September 1991
S.D. Swaden, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
T.I.C.C. SKILLCENTRES (NORTHERN) LIMITED
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IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated this 12th day of September 1991
S D SWADEN, Liquidator

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated this 12th day of September 1991
S D SWADEN, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
T.I.C.C. SKILLCENTRES (SOUTHERN) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 12th September 1991.
Dated this 12th day of September 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
PO BOX 554
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTERS OF
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above named Companies will be held on 15th October 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 11.00 am, 12 Noon and 3.00 pm respectively for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 16th day of September 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
JOHN MITCHELL
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF
T.I.C.C. SKILLCENTRES (SOUTHERN) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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Dated this 12th day of September 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
PO BOX 554
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PO BOX 554
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
PROBATE DIVISION
After 14 days from publication of this notice an application for probate of the Will dated 8th May 1980 of JOHN CARO CARAPIET late of London, United Kingdom deceased will be made by STEPHEN ALLAN CREET Executor named in the said Will.
Creditors are required to send particulars of their claims upon his estate to
Allan D Farrar, c/o Messrs White Barnes & McGuire, Solicitors, 99 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia, Telephone: 235 0044 DX 466, Sydney.

L & M PERSONNEL CONSULTANTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 26th day of September, 1991 at 4.00 pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 21st day of August 1991
H BELCHEMBER

Notice of Appointment of Joint Liquidator and Notice to Creditors to Claim
FIGUREHEAD FINANCE PLC
Principal Trading Address: 4 Fore Street, London EC2
Company Number: 2828988
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 13 September 1991 David Llewellyn Morgan and Nigel Geoffrey Allderson were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to us at the following address under reference:
DLM/NGA/GS/MRC/3279R/mr
Touche Ross & Co.,
PO Box 810,
66 Crutched Friars,
Friary Court,
London EC3N 2NP.

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary Winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1791284. Name of company: D M Mitchell & Son (Transport) Ltd. Nature of business: Transport Operators. Address of registered office: Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder Nos: 002685. Date of appointment: 11 September 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. R.A. Segal. Date: 16 September 1991.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receivers
GRANBY PARTITIONS LIMITED
Registered number: 931920
Trading name: As above. Nature of business: Commercial interior design and construction. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: M D Gercke and A V Lomas (office holder nos: 2360 and 7240). Address: Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
SMM COMMUNICATIONS LTD
Registered number: 1821861. Nature of business: Micro-computer distribution and maintenance. Trade classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 13 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: John Andrew Talbot and Anthony William Brierley. (office holder nos. 2731 and 8641). Address: PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receivers
GRANBY INTERIORS LIMITED
Registered number: 981114. Trading name: As above. Nature of business: Commercial interior design and construction. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: M D Gercke and A V Lomas (office holder nos: 2360 and 7240). Address: Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
Trowbridge Bradley Limited
Registered Number: 2449988
Nature of Business: Property Holding Company. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers. 17 September 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: McDonnell Douglas Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian Peter Phillips and David Julian Buchler. Office Holder numbers: 2636 & 3134 of, Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF.

OPTIMA BUSINESS SYSTEMS LIMITED
TAKE NOTICE THAT I the undersigned David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Optima Business Systems Limited by a Resolution of a Meeting of the company's creditors dated 16th September 1991.
D J MASON - LIQUIDATOR
Dated this 17th day of September 1991

RE: Webber Motor Co (London) Ltd
and
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ on Friday the 4th October 1991, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 2nd October 1991.
Dated this 16th day of October 1991
S D Webber
Director

STAFF LINK RECRUITMENT SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Monday, the 7th day of October, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 17th day of September 1991
I. KHAN
Director

TRINITY SCAFFOLDING (LEIGH) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Thursday 26 September 1991 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Stephen Lord of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 17th day of September 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G S ION
DIRECTOR

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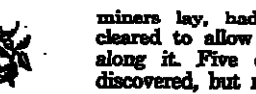

The final death toll of 264 included two men from the rescue teams.

WELSH PIT DISASTER

From Our Special Correspondent

WREXHAM, Sept 23

As the result of an explosion which occurred shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the Gresford Colliery about three miles from Wrexham, 260 miners are believed to have lost their lives ...

At 8 o'clock tonight, after an hour's conference of all parties concerned, held at the colliery company's offices, the following statement was issued to the Press: —

"The attempt to overcome the fire in the main road has gone on ever since yesterday, but, in spite of very strenuous efforts, and although some progress has been made in this road, the fire has got further hold on a road to the right, through which it was hoped that access would have been got to any possible survivors. To-day several explosions in bye of the fire in the main road have occurred. This afternoon they became more frequent and closer to where the men were working on the fire.

"The return air in both main returns is carrying carbon monoxide in dangerous quantities, and it is with great reluctance that all parties — the management, the representatives of the miners, and H.M. inspectors — have come to the conclusion that no person can possibly be alive in the workings. In these circumstances, and in view of the increasingly grave risk to the men engaged in combating the fire on the main road, it has been decided that it would not be right to continue to expose these workers to such serious risk, and all persons have been withdrawn from the mine."

The main road, extending about three-quarters of a mile from the pit shaft to the bend in the direction of the workings where the imprisoned miners lay, had been sufficiently cleared to allow of ponies moving along it. Five of the six bodies discovered, but not brought to the surface, lay at the farther end of the main road near the bend, and the sixth was nearer into the pit shaft. I asked about the relays of men for the working parties below. It had been obvious during the daylight hours yesterday that the renewals had been made at shorter and shorter intervals. This was done in order to expedite the fire fighting and not to jeopardize the strength and lives of rescuers. There has, however, apart from the teams of specially trained men from every colliery in the coalfield who have taken their turn below, been no lack of volunteers.

The whole story of what has been done in the day and a quarter since the explosion can be summed up in the word "firefighting." When the alarm was received from the colliery by the Wrexham County Constabulary about 3 a.m. yesterday, his Majesty's Inspector of Mines, colliery rescue parties, doctors, ambulance corps, hospital nurses, and the Wrexham fire brigade were promptly summoned. It was some hours before the first bodies were brought to the surface.

Gresford Colliery belongs to the United Westminster and Wrexham Collieries Limited. The pit was sunk in 1908. Its full complement of workers above and below ground is put at 1,859. The pit is 820 yards deep, and from the bottom of the shaft the main road proceeds nearly level for three-quarters of a mile, and then there are descending gradients, but also ascending ones as well. The general direction of the district where the victims of the explosions lie is eastwards of Gresford at a distance of from one and a half to two miles from the shaft.

The number of men at work in the pit when the explosion occurred is stated to have been over 400. This is larger than it would have been during any night shift earlier in the week than Friday owing, it is stated, to a custom of avoiding a Saturday day shift to enable miners to attend any big home match of the Wrexham football team, such as was fixed for yesterday.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FX2: THE DEADLY ART OF ILLUSION (15):** Mindless, overcrowded sequel to the 1986 thriller about a crime-fighting special effects wizard (Bryan Brown). Stars Brian Dennehy; director, Richard Franklin.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148). Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

GET BACK (PG): Docdis record of Paul McCartney's 1989-90 world tour. Director, Richard Lester.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **LIFE STINKS (12):** Mel Brooks among Los Angeles derelicts; uncertain episodic comedy with amusing flashes. With Lesley Ann Warren.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **TEEN AGENT (PG):** Increasingly inane spy spoof starring TV pin-up Richard Grieco — a high-school student mistaken for a CIA operative in France. With Roger Rees, Linda Hunt.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TRUST (15): Rewarding astringent comedy about small-town American domesticity from rising director Hal Hartley. Deadpan performances from Adrienne Shelly and Martin Donovan.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

CURRENT

◆ **CLOSE MY EYES (18):** Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743).

JUNGLE FEVER (18): Surly, overloaded Spike Lee film about inter-racial relationships, with striking moments among the turmoil. Starring Wesley Snipes, Annabella Sciorra.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **NEW JACK CITY (18):** Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ **ONLY THE LONELY (12):** John Candy as a bachelor cop finding love and trying to escape his mother's apron strings. Likeable romantic comedy from *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus, with Maureen O'Hara.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris, director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ **REGARDING HENRY (12):** Master of the Universe turns nice guy after suffering brain damage in a robbery. Skilful blend of the poignant and humorous from director Mike Nichols. Starring Harrison Ford, Annette Bening.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **THELMA & LOUISE (15):** Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a dazzling debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

WEEKEND (18): Godard's famous 1967 assault on capitalist society, full of snarled traffic, savage humour and revolutionary harangues. Exhilarating, then maddening.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **BOLD GIRLS:** Imelda Staunton and a fine company in Rona Munro's perceptive look at women's lives in west Belfast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 100mins.

☐ **BRAND:** Roy Marsden in dour Ibsen drama set in a dark fiord.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm 180mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☑ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☑ **HEDDA GABLER:** Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 210mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ **HIPPOLYTOS:** Muted Janet Suzman in otherwise vivid Euripides puzzle-play about sexual desire.

Almeida. Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 100mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 135mins.

☐ **THE KNICKERS:** Carl Sternheim's deliriously funny comedy on sex and snobbery: well staged.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☑ **NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 175mins. Final performances.

☐ **OUR TOWN:** Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER:** Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☑ **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD:** Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art: Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 205mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, recently at the Mermaid Theatre, reopens in the West End
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

COMPAGNIE PHILIPPE GENTY: With Philippe Genty, seeing is not necessarily believing. His illusionist theatre, Compagnie Philippe Genty, combines magic, puppetry, mime and dance in a surrealist spectacle that defies classification. The French troupe has impressed audiences at the Edinburgh Festival for the past two years. Now it comes to London with *Driftings*, a retitled *Dérives*, which won an Edinburgh Festival critics' award last year. Once seen, never forgotten. But strictly not for literalists.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm

EMMYLOU HARRIS: Hailed as one of the best female country and western artistes to have emerged over the past 15 years, the Nashville singer Emmylou Harris brings her all-star band, The Nash Ramblers, for a one-off London concert. A new album, *Emmylou Live*, is due out soon.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR: One of the more unusual offerings of the Japan Festival is the European premiere of a radical Japanese restaging of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. The Shiki Theatrical Company of Tokyo, the largest theatre troupe in Japan, has made its reputation by reworking Western drama for Japanese audiences. This production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1971 musical apparently frees the plot from "Christian preconceptions" becoming the story of the struggle of two young men — Jesus and his *alter ego*, Judas — now told through a fusion of eastern and western theatrical styles, including Kabuki makeup and Japanese instruments.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London WC2 (071-580 9562), 7.30pm.

BILLY BUDD: Tim Albery's production of Britten's opera dazzles as brightly now in this first revival by English National Opera as it did when the production was new in 1988. Peter Coleman-Wright, new to the title role, makes a formidable Billy Budd, effectively conveying the rashness of his innocence and the quickness of his temper. David Wilson-Johnson, Clive Bayley and Paul Napier-Burrows are a strong triangle of officers, and Philip Langridge returns to the role of Captain Vere, sung with lacerating insight. David Atherton conducts. Not to be missed.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

CZECH PHILHARMONIC: Only recently in this country for the Edinburgh Festival, the orchestra returns with conductors Jiri Bělohlávek (tonight, tomorrow) and Libor Pešek (Fri) for three concerts celebrating the 150th anniversary of Dvořák's birth.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

NASH ENSEMBLE: Juxtaposed with Schoenberg's *Pierrot Lunaire* (with Elise Ross in the Sprechstimme role), is Nicholas Maw's *Ghost Dances*, continuing the ensemble's 20th century music series. Lionel Friend conducts.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

CELIA PAUL: A graduate of the Slade who takes the tradition of Sickert and Tonks very seriously, Celia Paul is a newcomer to the Marlborough stable. The graphics of peopled interiors are strong and sober, but the rich, subdued colours make the oils (at the Marlborough Fine Art) worth waiting for, too.
Marlborough Graphics, 42 Dover Street, London W1 (071-495 2642). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-2pm.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (071-629 5161). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, until Oct 19.

Mad, and sent into England

THEATRE

Kabuki Hamlet
Mermaid

SIX sumptuously dressed figures settle themselves in kneeling positions on the stage; black-clad assistants adjust the hang of a gown, the line of a stiff white sleeve, and then scuttle off or crouch behind the actors, ready to perform some further tinkering later on. For a moment the actors are motionless, their heads turned slightly downward, but as the *samisen* and drum begin to play behind the semi-transparent screens, and the singing narrator names the characters of the drama, one by one the six figures shiver and raise their heads, like puppets who have been given breath.

Kabuki theatre developed later than the venerable Japanese genres of Noh and Bunraku puppet theatre, and its conventions, like the coming to life at the beginning, reflect some of its early history. Not all its history, however, for after Kabuki was begun, in 1603, by an ex-nun and her lover on a dry river bed in Kyoto, most of her immediate successors were prostitutes.

The Shogun forbade women to play female characters, and though the players ingeniously tried to get round this, letting men play the female roles and women the males, women were soon absolutely forbidden to appear on the stage. In this 19th century Kabuki version of *Hamlet*, the characters we know as Gertrude and Ophelia are played by male actors.

Though it belongs to the period when Shakespeare was adapted into Japanese forms and not directly translated, *Hamuretto Yamato Nishikie* (literally *A Yamato Brocade Print of Hamlet*) remained unperformed until this production by the Tokyo Globe Company was prepared for the Japan Festival. The staging is ravishingly beautiful, set against high screens painted with landscape, billowy mountains or a moon sailing above wind-bowed reeds.

Hamlet and Ophelia are both played by the 18-year-old Somegoro Ichikawa: an astounding talent, graceful and grave in his male roles (he also plays Fortinbras) and exquisite as Ophelia. Here, he blinks and breathes quite differently, moving mouth, chin and neck in the manner of a submissive girl. To Ophelia's mad scene he brings an intense faraway sadness.

Female roles seem to give the performer a licence towards greater naturalism: their faces are as white as the men's but nothing like so mask-like in repose, and a recognisable agitation affects their expressions. Tanosuke Sawamura, the other *onnagata* (female role) actor, and sixth of that name, plays an anxious, bubble-voiced Gertrude. If Lady Bracknell had previously married her husband's elder brother, and was worried about it, she would sound and occasionally look like this.

DONALD COOPER

Witching time: Somegoro Ichikawa, exquisite as Ophelia, graceful as Hamlet

With one performer playing Hamlet and Ophelia there can hardly be dialogue between them, and this version both enlarges and subtracts from the familiar text. Soliloquy is sometimes expressed through dance, and Hamlet's feigned madness and indecisions are not obviously apparent. But the production is absorbing, stimulating where it is strange, and like all Japanese theatre a treat for the eye. After Hamlet, and Laertes too, have committed ritual suicide Somegoro tries to clasp his hands, but sight and muscular control are failing fast and three attempts are needed before his fingers mesh together. This is a tiny incident in the full pageant of the evening but from such precious details theatrical enchantment is born.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Pax
Tramway, Glasgow

THE Tramway is celebrating its new lease of life with a festival optimistically entitled "Theatres and Nations". As its organiser Neil Wallace admits, this title begs many questions. But what it means in practice is a gathering of theatre groups from the Celtic periphery of Britain. They are united by a concern with theatrical work that makes no reference either to London or the text-bound mainstream of British theatre.

Central to the season is **Pax**, the culmination of three years' work by the Welsh group Brith Gos. *Pax* is a vast piece of music-theatre, staged in a disused engineering works last used for *The Ship*, Bill Bryden's 1990 lament for Clydeside. *Pax*, however, is fuelled by anger. It uses the space ringed by huge scaffolding towers for the musicians and singers to create a vision of a wasted planet revisited by angels who descend through a hole in the ozone layer. They cannot recognise the diseased earth they once knew, are tortured by fire and humiliated, and their message of peace is ignored.

Initially, much in *Pax* is predictable. We see the destruction of the earth and water; and liberal amounts of these elements are thrown around. But with the descent of four angels from high up in the roof, *Pax* becomes magical. When they wreak vengeance on the perpetrators of earth's destruction, amid swirling smoke and blasts of powerful white light, and then ascend into the deep blue empyrean to swelling organ music, it becomes unforgettable.

Also part of the season was the Abbey Theatre from Dublin with Tom Murphy's **The Patriot Game**, his spare, poetic meditation on the events of Easter 1916. The play is performed by a group of very young actors, who delivered a text direct to the audience with varying degrees of skill and success.

Alan Gilsenan and designer Kathy Strachan have come up with a bleak production that uses pools of light and a few boxes, dustbin lids and bits and pieces, of costume to create the sense of a half-remembered dream. Neil Murphy's ironic iconoclasm as the narrator leaves us quite unprepared for the final searing moments, when the execution of Pearse and Connolly gives the cause of Irish independence fresh martyrs and ideals.

If part of the season's theme is the need to be true to one's heritage and not to be seduced by metropolitan values, then this is best exemplified by Y Cwmni's **Flowers on the Dead Red Sea**. Edward Thomas's brutal mixture of Beckett and Berkoff, set in the slaughter house with background echoes of Iris Murdoch, was too wordy but had ideas in abundance. The final return of a bruised and battered artist to where she truly belongs was a salutory reminder to all the companies in "Theatre and Nations" of the virtue of drawing on the traditions of their native culture.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

RADIO

Drug Alert/ Kaleidoscope

LIKE a two-headed imperial eagle facing both ways at once, Pushkin is susceptible to contradictory interpretation. During last month's failed Soviet coup, for example, a People's Deputy was reciting a Pushkin poem in favour of political freedom at the same moment that the offical radio station was pumping out another on the topic of patriotic duty. "All the bastards," commented Yevgeny Yevtushenko, who had wanted to recite the Pushkin himself, "they want to use even geniuses on their side."

Saturday's **Kaleidoscope** (Radio 4) visited Moscow, where Pushkin's statue is reverently cleaned by the municipality while all around him cast-iron tyrants are tumbling. Now literature, as a citizen sagely observed, must clean itself. The poet's figurative monument is his status as a combination of Shakespeare and Byron: the brilliant canon curtailed by the Romantic death. As a symbol of official Russian culture he is currently subject to the same revisions as everything else, not least in the Republics. As the programme's interviewees repeatedly confessed, they did not know if they should speak of themselves as Russian or Soviet.

Nearer home, meanwhile, the official culture of Radio 1 interrupted itself for some sobering announcements on the subject of drugs. All this week **Drug Alert '91** aims to inform a young audience of the perils of the primrose path. One of the "trails" has a northern girl expressing bewilderment that her habit should have led her to prostitution; on another, an eager, serious voice reminds us that because drug dealing is illegal, consumer protection legislation does not apply. "If you buy a tab of Ecstasy it could turn out to be aspirin, sugar or laxatives." Or strychnine, perhaps. All is not gloom, however. Another snippet features an unidentified young man revealing to the world that after smoking cannabis solidly for six months he quit, and suddenly "everything was sharper".

It is always difficult to know exactly what effect is imagined by those who instigate campaigns such as this. Anti-drug propaganda has never worked yet. Young people with no experience of drugs will only have their curiosity aroused; those already smoking and popping will simply roll around the floor, helpless with laughter.

MARTIN CROPPER

DANCE

Prague Chamber Ballet
St David's Hall, Cardiff

PAVEL Smok's Prague Chamber Ballet brought a world premiere for its appearance at the Cardiff Festival: a work by Smok to Smetana's *Trio In G Minor*. As usual, his choreography has a strong emotional colouring which it derives entirely from the music.

Admittedly, he considers these romantic scores in the light of known facts, in this instance the composer's grief at his daughter's death, aged four. But no plot ever becomes explicit. Childhood, for instance, is suggested only by hints of games in the dancing to the music's lighter passages, and by a crawling motif at times.

The ballet begins and ends with its three white-clad dancers in a mood of sad resignation, but there are moments of an angry resentment too. Steering a course between narrative drama and plotless dance, Smok's choreographic structure succeeds (like Massine's symphonic ballets of the 1930s) in combining some of the virtues of those two different forms.

The two women in the cast, Sárka Vrastakova and Johana Rajnova, and several dancers in the other works given, were late substitutes for the intended performers, because of a virus that ran through the company shortly before it left Prague. But nobody would have guessed this from the alert, responsive and musical quality of the dancing all evening.

Czech and Slovak composers provide the backbone of the company's repertoire and the Cardiff programme was entirely given over to them. Smok's ballet *From My Life* is to Smetana's first string quartet (with the Kubin Quartet participating on stage) and the best of all Czech choreographers, Jiri Kylian, has given these dancers his *Evening Songs* to Dvořák music.

Alongside these Ilja Zeljenka's *Musica Slovaca* represents the living generation of Slovak composers. It is based on two harvest songs, given a contemporary treatment that avoids extremes and retains the robust inspiration of its folklore source. Smok's choreography echoes this in a lively, engaging courtship duet for Katerina Rejmanova and Ladislav Rajn, making attractively explicit the folk element that often provides bone and sinew to his more abstract dances. British choreographers could learn a lot from him if only the company was seen more widely here.

JOHN PERCIVAL

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

TIFFIN
(c) A light midday meal, apparently from the English colloquial word to *tiff* to take a little drink or sip: "Those wishing to have tiffins at the forthcoming spring meeting will please apply at the secretary's office. Price £2 per tiffin."

POMELO
(a) In America the variety of *Citrus* called grapefruit, apparently related to the Latin *pomum* an apple: "A papier-mâché cornucopia spilling bananas, pomelos and jackfruit."

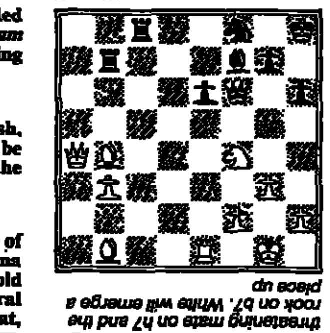
CUMSHAW
(b) In the old Chinese ports, a tip or baksheesh, the Amoy pronunciation of the Chinese *kan* to be grateful + *hsieh* thanks: "Baldpate had the exceeding coolness to ask for a cumshaw."

CUMQUAT
(c) A small, orange-like citrus fruit from a tree of the genus *Fortunella*, native to southern China and Malaysia, from the Chinese *kin ku* gold orange: "The Chinese have besides several diminutive citrus; one of which, called cumquat,

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Hodgson — Thipsay, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. Here white played 1 Qa6? and the game was eventually drawn. Can you do better than grandmaster Julian Hodgson, the current British champion, and find the immediate win for white?



threatening mate on h7 and the rook on b7. White will emerge a piece up

ENTERTAINMENTS

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CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Marcello Mastroianni in EVERYBODY'S FINE (STANNO TUTTI BENE) (12) Progs at 12.30 (not Sun) 3.00 5.50 & 8.25 Last Week. From Fri RHAPSODY IN AUGUST (U)

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 Dennis Hopper, Barbara Hershey in PARIS TROUT (18) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 3.55, 6.05 & 8.25 Last Week. From Fri OBJECT OF BEAUTY (15)

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd. 071 240 9661 TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun), 3.55 6.05 & 8.20

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FORTUNE BO/CC 071 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 497 9977 (24hr) Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt "A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Guardian "A REAL THRILL" S. Times "Take Tranquillisers" T Out Mon-Sat 8pm Mats Tue 3 Sat 4 NOW BOOKING UNTIL JAN' 92

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ROYAL COURT THEATRE 071-730 1745 cc 071-836 2428 THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD by Timberlake Wertenbaker Evgs 8.00pm Mat Sat 4.00pm

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SHAW THEATRE 071 388 1394 cc (no fee) 379 4444 Ton't 8pm KIM CRISWELL

PRINCE OF WALES BO 071 839 5972 CC 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 K Prowse Tkt holders p/s contact B.O. IMMEDIATELY ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 SOME SEATS AVAILABLE NOW

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WYNDHAMS THEATRE B O 867 1116 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (24hrs) (bkg fee) Groups 240 7941 EDWARD FOX "gives a great haunting comic performance" S. Times JOHN WELLS in THE PHILANTHROPIST by Christopher Hampton "as witty and stimulating as ever" Times. Kenneth Ives' production "streaks into the unmissable category" Ind on Sun [illegible] LAST 2 WEEKS MUST END OCT 5

WYNDHAMS [illegible] TOM CONTI GEMMA JONES CLARE HIGGINS THE RIDE DOWN MT. MORGAN by ARTHUR MILLER Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE [illegible]

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News

9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series **9.30 Countrymen.** A portrait of "The Old Man of Coniston", 71-year-old Allan Mason, a retired quarryman and self-confessed poacher (r)

10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) **10.25 Bump.** Cartoon adventures of a clumsy elephant, narrated by Simon Cadell (r) **10.35 Major Dad.** American comedy series (r)

11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House.** The third American comedy series of the morning (r) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** Advice on cleaning a corroded oriental brass tray

12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 Hong Kong.** A merchant and his family, who live on a houseboat that is slowly sinking, talk about their lives and their future **12.55** *Regional news and weather*

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square.** A general knowledge knock out quiz. The questionmaster is John Sachs

2.15 Film: Battle Shock (1956) starring Ralph Meeker, Janice Rule and Paul Henreid. Drama about a shell-shocked second world war veteran who becomes a murder suspect while on his honeymoon in Acapulco. Directed by Paul Henreid

3.40 Tom and Jerry Double Bill 3.50 Poddington Peas (r) **4.00 Radio Roo.** The final episode of the children's drama serial (r) (s) **4.10 Heathcliff with Cats and Co.** Cartoon adventures of an alley cat (r) **4.35 What's That Noise?** Tony Gregory explores music sounds from around the world. His guests are the Fabulous Singlettes, Cutmaster Swift and Hot Strings (s)

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode five of the 20-part children's drama serial set in a secondary comprehensive school (r). (Ceefax) (s)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Peter Sissons. Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Every Second Counts. Against the clock quiz game for couples, hosted by Paul Daniels (s)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s)

8.00 ***The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin.*** Leonard Rossiter stars in the title role of David Nobbs's classic comedy about a middle-aged man fighting against the futility of life (r). (Ceefax)

8.30 Two Point Four Children. Andrew Marshall's comedy series about a woman's role in family life, starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

Mother-in-waiting: Margi Clarke as pregnant Queenie (9.30pm)

9.30 Making Out.

● CHOICE: Debbie Horsfield was apparently unhappy about embarking on a third series of *Making Out*, feeling that she had already squeezed the lemon dry. If only some other television writers had the same scruples. Horsfield was probably being too cautious. On the plot level, certainly, she had no lack of material, since the last series ended on so many cliffhangers. There was Queenie's impending baby, Carol May trying to save her marriage, Jill trying to forget hers and Klepto about to leave the factory to become a student. All of these strands, and a few more, keep tonight's episode bubbling along. But *Making Out* has always been more than the sum of its stories. Its strength has been the portrait of women struggling to make the best of a world which men keep mucking up. So far, at least, the new series continues to explore the theme with the same energy, insight and earthy humour. (Ceefax) (s)

10.20 Film 91 with Barry Norman. Movies under the microscope this week include *Meeting Venus* in which Glenn Close stars as an opera singer involved in a dreadful production of Wagner's *Tannhäuser*, *Under Suspicion* starring Liam Neeson and Laura San Giacomo, and *Jacob's Ladder*, directed by *Fatal Attraction*'s Adrian Lyne

10.50 Film: Hawks (1988) starring Timothy Dalton and Anthony Edwards. A black comedy about two terminally ill hospital patients who decide to have one last fling. They hijack an ambulance and make for the fleshpots of Amsterdam. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller **12.35am Weather**

NB (s) indicates stereo

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: The Physics of White Dwarf Stars **7.10** Instruments Under Wraps. Ends at **7.35**

8.00 News

8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. The lowdown on Inverness and Loch Ness (r) **8.20 English Journey.** Novelist and playwright Beryl Bainbridge explores Birmingham and then the Cotswolds (r)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) **2.15 Osprey Watch.** Loch Garten in the Scottish Highlands prepares for the annual return of ospreys (r)

2.30 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Mysteries of the Mind.** An exploration of the mind investigating acupuncture, schizophrenia and meditation **3.50 News,** regional news and weather

4.00 Film: A Place of One's Own (1945, b/w) starring James Mason, Barbara Mullen and Margaret Lockwood. A drama about a retired couple who ignore warnings that the beautiful country house they have purchased is haunted. Their young companion becomes possessed by the spirit of a girl murdered in the house. Based on a ghost story by Osbert Sitwell and directed by Bernard Williams

5.30 Gardeners' World explores the forgotten gardens of Heligan manor near Mevagissy in Cornwall. Presented by Geoff Hamilton and Dr Stefan Buczacki (r)

6.00 Film: Catch Me a Spy (1971) starring Kirk Douglas, Marlene Jobert and Trevor Howard. A comedy about a man on honeymoon in Bucharest who is arrested by the Soviets on a spying charge. His French wife plots a convoluted scheme to gain his release. Directed by Dick Clements. (Ceefax)

Romantic travelogue in the Far East: Joanna Lumley (7.30pm)

7.30 In Search of the White Rajahs.

● CHOICE: In 1838 James Brooke, a soldier of fortune from Devon, sailed east and landed on Sarawak. He stayed to become the ruler and to found a family dynasty which lasted more than a century. Known as the white rajahs, the Brookes ruled benevolently and somewhat eccentrically until the Japanese captured Sarawak on Christmas Day 1941. After the war the Brookes sold out to the British government. Their story is told by the actress Joanna Lumley, with the help of the last rajah's elderly and much-married daughters. Lumley also offers a somewhat gushing travelogue of present-day Sarawak, bravely taking to the rivers and venturing where few Europeans have gone before. Her romantic view of a territory once frequented by pirates and head hunters is tempered by an ecological horror story about the destruction of south-east Asia's last great rain forest to feed a booming log industry. (Ceefax)

8.30 Wildlife Showcase. This seventh of eight natural history films examines the Laysan albatross, known on its habitat Hawaii as the "gooney bird", one of the world's largest seabirds. (Ceefax)

9.00 Bottom. Anarchic comedy series written by and starring Adrian Edmonson and Rik Mayall. This week the dreadful duo are fearful that the arrival of the gasman will uncover the fact that they have been stealing their neighbour's supply. (Ceefax) (s)

9.30 The Dreaded Lurgi: Pestilence and Punishment. Margaret Jay examines diseases that carry a moral and physical stigma. Using Bombay as an example, she notes that although leprosy will be eradicated in that city by the year 2000, Aids will take over as the most common cause of death. Thirty-five per cent of the city's prostitutes are already victims but will not seek medical help for fear of a backlash. (Ceefax)

10.10 The Staggering Stories of Ferdinand De Bargos. Enn Reitel, John Glover, Kate Robbins and Susie Blake contemplate "Nudists and Deities" (r)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow

11.15 The Late Show. Includes the alternative Booker prize judging panel; Nina Simone; and an obituary for fiction about the now defunct KGB (s)

11.55 Weather

12.00 Open University: Psychology — Understanding Violence. Ends at **12.30am**

NB (s) indicates stereo

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Runway. Quiz game (s) **9.55 Thames News** and weather

10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical subject

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series

12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy. Entertainment for children. Today the trio describe what they are feeling with songs and stories (r)

1.00 News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News**

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (s) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial

2.20 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Scottish Highlands **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades (s)

3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia

3.55 Hot Dog. Puppet series **4.05 Rupert.** Animated adventures of the hero of Nutwood and his chums (s) **4.30 Children's Ward.** Award-winning children's drama serial (r). (Oracle) **5.00 Cartoon** starring Porky Pig

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers

5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle)

5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with more advice for obsessive compulsive disorder sufferers

6.00 Home and Away. (Ceefax) (r)

6.30 Thames News. (Oracle)

7.00 Emmerdale. Drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)

7.30 Thames Reports. In *London's Burning* reporter Marcus Powell examines the links between recession and arson; and *Fit For Nothing* examines the latest fitness fads from the United States and the damage they can do to the unwary. (Oracle)

8.00 The Bill: Bending the Rules. WPC Datta and PC Quinnan arrest a lager lout and discover that he is an off-duty policeman. (Oracle)

8.30 French Fields. Cosy comedy about an English couple living a comfortable existence in France. This week Hester decides that she doesn't want to celebrate her silver wedding anniversary. (Oracle) (s)

Wife-watching: Michael Elphick and Jenny Agutter (9.00pm)

9.00 Boon.

● CHOICE: Michael Elphick's battered but endearing private eye is back for a new series, having traded his boat for a delapidated Elizabethan cottage with no electricity but otherwise inheriting a well-tried format. In the pantheon of comedy dramas, *Boon* has never reached the *Minder* class but, subject to the variability of its scripts, it offers pleasing entertainment with a wry sense of humour and a welcome lack of violence. Tonight's story starts conventionally enough with Boon being engaged to keep watch on a wife (Jenny Agutter) who may be cheating on her husband. But there proves to be a lot more to it than that and the writers, Bernard Dempsey and Kevin Sperring, handle a twisty plot with satisfying skill. For good measure they throw in a second story involving Brummy Harry (David Daker) and the show's other supporting characters, Rocky (Neil Morrissey) and Laura (Elizabeth Carling). (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather

10.40 Legacy. The final part of historian Michael Wood's series on the world's great civilisations. (Oracle) (s)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's remand centre

12.30am Video View. Mariella Frostrup reviews the latest video releases

1.00 The Equalizer. Edward Woodward stars as McCall, a former FBI agent now a freelance righter of wrongs. Tonight he helps an elderly couple being harassed by their landlord (r)

2.00 Donahue. A discussion on the dangers of dating on the re-bound

2.50 Nite Bites. Robert Gill tries Gloucester cheese washed down with Newcastle brown ale; Su Porter looks for a good cup of coffee

3.00 60 Minutes. Award-winning American news magazine

4.00 Entertainment UK. A guide to the country's entertainments

5.00 Three's Company. American sitcom starring John Ritter

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

NB (s) indicates stereo

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily

9.25 Schools

12.00 Profiles of Nature. Wildlife film made by Walter and Myrna Berlet about the egret, the water fowl with a captivating mating dance

12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (r)

Capturing the spirit of Shakespeare: James Cagney (2.00pm)

2.00 Film: A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935, b/w).

● CHOICE: The decision by Warner Brothers to film Shakespeare's play resulted in one of the odder projects by a studio whose more typical 1930s output included the gangster films of James Cagney and Edward G. Robinson. The mere idea was derided by critics determined that Hollywood and Shakespeare could never mix. But despite an inevitable compression of the text, the anticipated travesty did not happen. Masterminded by the famous Austrian theatre director, Max Reinhardt, the film created a powerful visual style, especially with its strikingly-lit studio-made forest, and if some of the casting seemed eccentric it worked surprisingly well. Olivia de Havilland, in her first film, made a spirited Hermia and James Cagney as Bottom, Joe E. Brown as Flute and the young Mickey Rooney's Puck arguably caught the Shakespearean spirit better than the more theatrical acting of Ian Hunter as Theseus

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley (s)

5.00 Owl TV. Children's wildlife and environmental series presented by Michaela Strachan. This edition revisits Burger Zoo in Arnhem, The Netherlands, to see two recent additions — a baby aardvark and a Siamang monkey. (Teletext)

5.30 Class By Class. This sixth in Ray Gosling's seven-part series on Britain's class structure focuses on Philip Lyon, at the end of the second world war, a grocer which put him at the lower end of the middle classes. What class is he today? (r). (Teletext)

6.00 My Two Dads. Banal American comedy about two bachelors who inherit a pre-teen daughter (r)

6.30 Happy Days. American comedy series inspired by the film *American Graffiti*, starring Henry Winkler and Ron Howard

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather

7.50 Comment

8.00 Stories From an African Hospital. This third programme of the six-part series comes again from Ghana's Komfo Anokye and focuses on a beggar with a chronic foot ulcer who refuses to be admitted because if the doctor cures the ailment it will be bad for business. There is also a suspected case of cholera

8.30 Lawyers. Fly-on-the-wall series following the work of a group of lawyers and their clients. Tonight's programme includes solicitor Geoffrey Forrester in the police cells beneath South Shields magistrates courts with two of his clients who are accused of murder

9.00 Rear Window: The Final Solution — Islam in Spain. The arts and culture series ends its curretnt run with an examination of the internal conflicts in the history of Spanish Christianity during the 500 year period since the conquest of the Americas

9.45 Re-Play: Fist of the Dragonfly, by Gary Drabwell. Life changes dramatically for a kung fu exponent. Will it be the answer to his problems?

10.00 Film: Adam (1983) starring Daniel J. Travanti and JoBeth Williams. A dramatised reconstruction of the kidnapping of a six-year-old boy whose parents mounted a campaign to allow parents access to the FBI's national crime computer. Directed by Michael Tuchner

11.50 The Dick Powell Theatre: Who Killed Julie Greer? (b/w). Murder mystery starring Lloyd Bridges, Ronald Reagan and the host, Dick Powell

12.45am Miles Ahead: A Portrait of Miles Davis. A documentary portrait of the jazz musician (r). Ends at **1.50**

NB (s) indicates stereo

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 A Green Day Out

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Border Summer 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Film: And Soon the Darkness 2.30 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 Jimmy's 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Film: Take This Job and Shove It 2.25 Pacific Sportsworld 2.55 CinemAttractions 3.30 60 Minutes 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30 North Tonight Special: One in Five 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Film: And Soon the Darkness 2.30 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 Nite-Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Quest 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Film: And Soon The Darkness 2.30 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 Nite Bites 5.00 to 5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Money Week

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Trailblazers

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Trailblazers 7.30-8.00 Jimmy's 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Vietnam 1.05 Married...With Children 1.35 60 Minutes 2.35 Raw Power 3.35 The Twilight Zone 4.05 Guldenburg Inheritance 5.00-5.30 Jobs

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 An Invitation to Remember (Lionel Jeffries) 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Great British Isles 11.40 Matlock 12.30 Film: And Soon the Darkness 2.30 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 TSW Farming Week

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tell the Truth 11.40-12.30 Hardball

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Seeing Stars 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Fast Lane 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Film: And Soon the Darkness 2.30 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Opening Nights 7.30-8.00 McGilloway's Way 11.40 Fight Night 12.35 Film: And Soon the Darkness (Pamela Franklin, Michele Dotrice) 2.30 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.40 Almost Grown 12.35 Crime Story: Seize the Time 1.35 Video View 2.00 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 Kennet and Avon 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Women of Wisdom 2.30 The Late Late Show 3.30 Wagon Train* 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 Kate and Allie 5.30 The Henderson Kids 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Palu Mlaen 8.00 Without Walls: Art is Dead...Long Live TV 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Caruso 9.55 The Golden Girls 10.30 Stories From an African Hospital 11.30 Re-Play: After the Party 11.50 The Dick Powell Theatre* 12.45 Miles Ahead 1.50 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 Simply Painting 2.00 Perry Mason 3.00 Live At Three 4.00 News followed by Kate and Allie 4.30 Clayhanger 5.20 Red and Blue 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Kette and Dog 7.30 Head to Toe 8.00 Check Up 8.30 Duty Free 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Opening Nights 10.40 Lou Grant 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.05 The Beachcombers 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Musicology 8.00 News followed by Larry Gogan 9.00 American Dreamer 9.30 News followed by E.N.G. 10.25 Nissan Classic 10.55 News 11.15-11.45 Twilight Zone

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Film: Friendship, Secrets and Lies (1972) 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our world — The Countryside Show 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 Target 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Target 3.30 Our World 4.30 Target 5.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 The Lady Vanishes (1979): A remake of Hitchcock's mystery thriller
12.00 Hard Travelling (1985): A mentally unstable man begins a romantic relationship with a widow
2.00pm Incident at Dark River (1989): Environmental drama
4.00 What Price Victory? (1988): Drama about the unscrupulous team recruitment methods of a college American football team
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Last Plane Out (1983): A journalist (Jan-Michael Vincent) is forced to choose sides in the Contra-Sandinista conflict
8.00 The War of the Roses (1989): Black comedy starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner as vindictive husband and wife, whose marriage break-up is narrated by lawyer Danny DeVito
10.00 Sudden Impact (1983): *Dirty Harry* film starring Clint Eastwood
12.00 Penn and Teller Get Killed (1990): The cult American comedians Penn Jillette and Teller are stalked by a serial killer
1.35am Lonely Lady (1983): Pia Zadora stars as a writer seeking fame and fortune in Hollywood
4.00 The Commander (1988): Lewis Collins and mercenaries pursue a drug baron. Ends at 5.25

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am The Big Night (1951): An angry young man searches for the man who beat up his father
8.00 Cinderella's Wonderland: Animated tale of a young girl and her widowed father whose fairy-tale existence is upset by a scheming fortune teller
9.30 Aesop's Fables: Animated versions of the Greek storyteller's moral tales
10.15 My Side of the Mountain (1969): A Canadian boy runs away from home to get closer to nature
12.15pm Xanadu (1980): Musical fantasy starring Olivia Newton-John
2.15 Mr Forbush and the Penguins (1971): Biologist John Hurt studies penguin life in the Antarctic
4.15 Tom Alone (1990): A boy sets out to find his father in 1880s Canada
6.15 Ice Castles (1979): Disaster blights an ice skater's chances to enter the Olympics
8.15 Terrorvision (1986): Horror comedy about a family, whose satellite dish becomes a gateway for creatures from another dimension
9.45 Parenthood (1989): Comedy drama starring Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen and Dianne Wiest
11.50 1969 (1989): Two teenagers (Robert Downey Jr and Kiefer Sutherland) protest against the Vietnam war when one of their friends returns home in a coffin
1.25am Pulp (1972): Michael Caine stars as a pulp fiction writer who agrees to write the memoirs of a 1930s gangster
3.05 The Learning Tree (1969): Drama about a black boy growing up in 1920s Kansas. Ends at 4.50

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 Super Trax 8.30 Motor World 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 World of Adventure 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Super Trax 12.00 Netbusters 12.30pm Sky Soccer Classic: 1958 World Cup final 3.30 Fishing the West 4.00 Kick-Boxing 5.00 American Sports Cavalcade 6.00 Italian League Football 8.00 German Touring Cars 9.00 The Footballer's Football Show 10.00 Boxing 12.00 The Footballer's Football Show 1.00am German Touring Cars

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Golf: Epson Grand Prix 3.00 Davis Cup Tennis 5.00 Mountain Bike Downhill 5.30 Football Euro Goals 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Athletics 8.00 Motocross 9.00 Wrestling 10.00 Mountain Bike World Championships 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Equestrian 8.30 World Championship of Karting 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 Fun TV Windsurfing 11.30 Irish Classic Horse Racing 12.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike 1.00pm Powersports International 2.00 British Formula 3000 3.00 Matchroom Pro Box 4.00 Action Auto 4.30 Spanish Football Highlights 6.00 Pro Superbike 6.30 British Formula 3 Championships 7.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike World Championships 8.00 Indy Car 9.00 Live Matchroom Pro Box 11.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of San Francisco 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Video Visits 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Cyril Fletcher's Lifestyle Garden 3.10 White Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Beverly Hills Buntz 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Biber (Battalia); Butterworth (A Shropshire Lad); W. Denis Browne (To Gratiana Dancing and Singing)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Smetana (Šárka); Monteverdi (Armato il cor; Gira il nemico, Madrigals of Love and War); Strauss (Panathenäenzug); Ivor Gurney (Severn Meadows)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Brahms (Wiegenlied, Op 49 No 4; Trio for violin, horn and piano in E flat, Op 40; Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit, Ein Deutsches Requiem; Hungarian Dance No 18 in D; Song of Destiny, Op 54)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Mehul (Overture, Horatius Cocles: BBC Concert Orchestra under James Lockhart); Debussy (Preludes Book 1: Walter Gieseking, piano); Rigel (Symphony in D minor, Op 21 No 2: BBC Concert Orchestra under Lockhart); Arrieu (Quintet in C: Flanders Wind Quintet); Devienne (Flute Concerto No 7 in E minor: James Dower; BBC Concert Orchestra under Lockhart); Berlioz (Symphonie funèbre et triomphale, Op 15: Montreal SO under Dutoit)
11.50 BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Glinka (Kamarinskaya); Stravinsky (Circus Polka); Poulenc (Piano Concerto: Philip Martin); Schubert (Symphony No 4) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Mozart Summer: On the new organ of Reed's School, Cobham, Richard Coulson plays Mozart (Overture in C, K 399); Kellner (Praeludium in C); Albrechtsberger (Three Little Preludes); Mozart (Sonata in E flat, K 282); J.E. Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in F); Mozart (Little Gigue, K 574; Fantasia in F, K 594)
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 Brahms: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur performs Symphony No 1 in C minor; Symphony No 2 in D, incl at 3.30 Interval Reading
4.20 International Winds: The first of five programmes of music for symphonic wind ensembles. Royal Northern College of Music Wind Orchestra under Clark Rundell performs Macmillan (Sowetan Spring); R.R. Bennett (The Four Seasons — world premiere); Tristan Keuris (Catena); Michael Ball (Omaggio)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with David Hoult
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: The American author and critic Paul Fussell talks to Michael Barber
7.30 French Chansons: The Hilliard Ensemble performs Josquin (Scaramella va alla guerra); Compère (Scaramella fa la galla); Josquin (In te Domine speravi; El grillo; Milles regretz; Petite camusette; Je me complains)
7.45 The Czech Philharmonic Plays Dvořák: Live from the Barbican Hall in London, the first of three concerts in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth. Jiří Bělohlávek conducts Overture, Othello, Op 93; Cello Concerto in B minor, Op 104: Lynn Harrell. **8.45** John Tyrell examines the correspondence between Dvořák and the conductor Hans Richter during the composition of the Sixth Symphony. **9.05** Symphony No 6 in D, Op 60
10.00 Drama Now: A Fool and His Heart. A surreal comedy by Sue Lanier. Geoffrey (John Biggins) drinks too much and is prone to anger and stress. His Heart (Brigit Forsyth) and his wife (Ella Hood) are unhappy when the doctor tells him to relax at home
10.40 BBC Singers at Dartington under John Poole with the first of two programmes recorded at the Summer School. Nielsen (Benedictus Dominus, Op 55 No 3); Norgard (Three Motets — UK premiere); Raminsh (Stabat Mater)
11.10 Tears before Bedtime: Nielsen (At the Bier of a Young Artist: Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Herbert Blomstedt); Britten (Russian Funeral March: London Collegiate Brass under James Stobart); Arvo Pärt (Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten: Stuttgart State Orchestra under Dennis Russell Davies)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Fauré (r)
1.00-2.25am Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am **Shipping Forecast 6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** The Old Left: Interference. Written and read by Daniel Menaker (1 of 7) (s) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Clarke: 071-580 4411
10.00-10.30am The House (FM only): The second of eight political dramas by Christopher Lee (s)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. Read by John Gielgud (s)
10.30 Woman's Hour: *Fatal Attraction*'s Glenn Close talks to Jenni Murray
11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Monk's Hood
● CHOICE: Fans of Ellis Peters will be well acquainted with Brother Cadfael, the monk-detective who is the hero of her successful novels set in medieval England. In the first of a five-part dramatisation by Bert Coules, the scene is set for the monk to investigate the case of the poisoned partridge, a dish consumed by a wealthy landowner who is married to Cadfael's childhood sweetheart. A few drops of monk's hood can kill and since Cadfael (Philip Madoc) is also herbalist of Shrewsbury Abbey he is well aware of its lethal properties. Michael Hordern narrates (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Kingdom of the Wind. Elizabeth Burns's first play for radio tells the story of Katerina (Sybil Wintrope) as she attempts to escape from the violent family feuds of the Mani on the southern tip of Greece (s)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with performer, conductor and writer Antony Hopkins (s)
3.00 News; Tuesday Lives: Joanna Buchan tells tales from all walks of life (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of *Iron John* by Robert Bly; news of the Booker Prize shortlist; Martin Amis talks about his book *Time's Arrow*; and the results of the BBC radio poetry competition (s)
4.45 Short Story: La Belle Dame Sans Thingwy, by Liz Lochhead. Grace Glover reads the second of five short stories written by poets
5.00 News; PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from Sevenoaks Cricket Club in Kent (s)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: The Askews. The second of four programmes in which Michael O'Donnell explores shifting social and moral attitudes through the lives of different families. This week he meets a family that has emigrated twice to New Zealand (s)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Present Voices, Past Words: Malcolm Bradbury talks to Christopher Bigsby about his favourite novel, *Decline and Fall*, by Evelyn Waugh (s)
9.00 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Turning Back the Sun, by Colin Thubron. Read by Ian Holm (2 of 10)
11.00 Out of Order: Chairman Patrick Hannan is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and guests for the political quiz (s) (r)
11.30 Back to the Delta: Alyn Shipton charts the traditional jazz revival in Britain. In the third of five programmes he looks at the trombonist Chris Barber (s) (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104 9

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies says: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? The Seventies. The history of girl vocal groups (5 of 6) 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Daniel O'Donnell 5.05 John Dunn's Answers Please 7.00 The Law Game 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 The Victorians: I'm Very Fond of Music . . . Victorian lifestyle in words and music 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Andrew Lane with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service. News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Guy Michelmore with Sound Advice: Adoption. Tel: 0345 909693 12.30pm Comic Cuts Helen Lederer talks to Dawn French (1 of 6) (r) 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide with Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: Health Matters. 2.45 Europe's World; 3.05 Outlook; 3.30 The World of Books; 4.05 Birth of a Nation 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren. Read by Sandi Toksvig 7.30 Spinning Stars . . . Virgo 7.55 Football Extra: Rumbelows Cup, second round, first leg: Scunthorpe v Leeds Utd, Bradford v West Ham, Leyton Orient v Sheffield Wednesday 9.30 Box 13 The Great Tonno 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Earshot, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 World News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Midi 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Rock Salad 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Tales of Earth and Water 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 Journey to the Centre of the Earth 10.30 Europe's World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Discovery 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Travel News 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Megamix 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: Silas Marner 3.45 English Songsmiths: 4 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell News and Features in German 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Journey to the Centre of the Earth 11.20 Megamix 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Bright Moon of the Season 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Development '91 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Discovery 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Moscow 'dumped thousands of tons of nuclear waste in sea'

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

THE Soviet Union has been dumping thousands of tons of nuclear waste and materials, including a damaged reactor core, in fishing lanes off its northern coast for more than 20 years, it emerged yesterday.

The disclosures, which cover the period 1964 to 1986, were made by Andrei Zolotkov, a Soviet deputy for the Murmansk region, at a conference in Moscow.

John Large, an independent British nuclear expert who is acting as a consultant to the environmental group, Greenpeace, said the findings contradicted official Soviet claims that all nuclear waste had been stored on land. He estimated that between 6,750 tons of solid and about 56,500 cubic feet of liquid radioactive waste, including spent fuel, might have been involved. The findings are likely to increase international concern over nuclear waste in the sea.

An International Atomic Energy Agency draft report, details of which were disclosed in *The Times* yesterday, lists 31 incidents including the loss of a nuclear weapon from HMS Sheffield. The report, being prepared for the London Dumping Convention conference to be held in London in November, might need revising after the disclosures yesterday.

Mr Zolotkov identified five sites in the Barents and Kara seas where dumping has taken place, including incidents in the 1960s and 1970s in which containers of waste were perforated to make them sink. Many sites were in shallow water.

In one case, a container, measuring 160 roentgens per hour, was thrown back into the sea in 1984 after being found in the Novaya Zemlya area. Someone exposed to that level of radiation is likely to receive ten times their lifetime dose in a matter of minutes, experts said.

The Soviet Union agreed in 1975 to ratify the London treaty covering the dumping of high-level waste and agreed to a ban on the dumping of all nuclear materials in 1983.

Documents, obtained by Mr Zolotkov, show that the damaged reactor core from the Lenin, a nuclear-powered icebreaker, which suffered a meltdown in either 1966 or 1967, was also dumped off Novaya Zemlya in the early 1970s. He told the conference, which has been organised by Greepeace, that ships from the civil fleet based at Murmansk were used in the operations. Seven nuclear-powered icebreakers and one nuclear-powered bulk carrier operate from the port. The nearby port of Severomorsk is home to the Soviet northern fleet which operates about 115 nuclear-powered vessels.

Mellor tax hints alarm Tory MPs

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next spring severely constrain what can be afforded for other spending departments.

Conservative MPs will be most alarmed by Mr Mellor's threat of possible tax increases in a budget that could be delivered only weeks before a spring general election. He suggests that the chancellor may have to abandon his goal of a basic income tax rate of 20p unless ministers drastically reduce their demands for extra cash.

"We agreed in cabinet that, if we are to preserve our distinctive reputation for financial discipline and avoid the prospect of significant increases in tax rates or borrowing next year, we must keep any increase in amending from current plans to the absolute minimum," the chief secretary says.

Last night, Treasury sources did not dispute the letter's authenticity and made clear that Mr Mellor's words were not an empty threat. They said that the spending round was proving unusually fierce with an election on the horizon and ministers battling for new money to deliver the promise of electoral goodies. The chief secretary had been trying to bring home to his colleagues that higher spending had its political penalties as well.

"The point there is that giving in to large bids by no means will be all political upside", one senior official said. The chief secretary was "looking at the whites of their eyes" as he sought to rein in demands for more cash, the official added.

In his letter, Mr Mellor also reminds colleagues that on May 2 the cabinet accepted that difficult choices would have to be made and that bids for more money should be accompanied by offsetting savings in programmes.

But that decision went unheeded. "I was therefore very disappointed to have to report to cabinet on July 23 that the net bids I have received are even larger than last year's and exceed the scope for drawing down the [contingency] reserve by a very substantial margin."

Mr Mellor's stark warnings about the probable consequences of a pre-election spending boom are set out in a letter to Michael Howard, the employment secretary, which was released yesterday by Tony Blair, the Opposition's chief employment spokesman.

Mr Blair said that the letter opened up a horrifying prospect for the future of the economy. He calculated that Mr Mellor was seeking cuts of £1 billion or more in training programmes over the next three years. Much of Mr Mellor's letter is concerned with training cuts.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

On Thursday, the BBC will transmit edition number 1,438 of *Top of the Pops*. A piece of history, for edition number 1,439 will cast off the straitjacket of featuring only records which are rising in the top 40 and instead both narrow and broaden its focus: narrow the chart focus to the top ten, widen the rest of the content to reflect new music in general. That means music from the album charts and indeed music that is not making any charts. Given that the programme has lived longer (28 years) in its present format than did some of the stars it featured early on (Buddy Holly, Jimi Hendrix) this is a pretty radical step. But why is it being taken now? *Times* Media reports

TONY WHITE

Primrose path: members of the Druid Order (the British Circle of Universal Bond) processing by a bemused onlooker on Primrose Hill in northwest London yesterday during a ceremony to mark the autumn equinox

Major's gay rights meeting attacked

By Robert Morgan
Parliamentary Staff

JOHN Major was attacked by a Conservative pressure group last night over a meeting today with Sir Ian McKellen, the actor and director and a leading gay-rights campaigner.

The Conservative Family Campaign is demanding urgent talks with the prime minister and said that today's meeting would send the wrong signal to the country. At the meeting at No 10 Downing Street, Sir Ian is expected to set out a case for law reform and other measures to counteract discrimination against lesbians and homosexuals.

The Conservative Family Campaign said that Mr Major should say quickly and clearly that he is not considering altering the law. Otherwise the Conservative party risked alienating its pro-family and Christian support.

The meeting was arranged in the summer when Mr Major and Sir Ian met at the National Theatre. Sir Ian, a founder member and leading figure in Stonewall, a homosexual pressure group, is expected to press for a lowering of the age of consent from 21 for gay men. He may also ask for repeal of the law forbidding homosexual acts in the armed forces.

With Labour and the Liberal Democrats committed to improving gay rights, some Tories see electoral mileage to be gained from in a similar commitment, even if only to an early Commons vote on the age of consent.

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The long road to recovery

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on it to make it plainer before boxers get their licences exactly what the dangers are.

Douglas, a security guard who has fully recovered from his near-fatal last fight, said: "I was at work the night of Michael's fight. I told my wife to phone and let me know the result. I was just devastated when she said: 'I've got some bad news.' Michael and I went through the ranks together, both of us dreaming of becoming world champions. I know just how he will feel. He is a lovely person; there is no badness in him whatever."

Douglas and his wife want to return the support that Michael and his mother gave them nearly two years ago. Douglas said: "After I recovered I drank and smoked and did all the things I hadn't been allowed to when in training. I felt a bit sorry for myself. Then Michael's mum gave me a right stern telling-off and told me to pull my socks up. That made me sit up and realise I am alive. Michael will need someone to tell him to keep his chin up and be glad he has survived."

He added: "After I had come out of hospital it was a bit like being born again. You are paralysed on the opposite side to the one in which the surgery took place. I couldn't remember how to shuffle a pack of cards and I broke down in tears.

"I used to get very upset, but what you have to do is be determined to pull through and get yourself working again." His wife recalled that he would clench his jaw to persuade the doctors that he could walk a straight line so they would let him home for the weekend.

Douglas said: "Michael is going to want to fight again, and it is going to be the hardest thing for him to accept. But there are compensations. I appreciate life a hell of a lot more. I have my kids and the privilege of watching them grow. My wife has been my backbone, and I see things now which perhaps I did not see so clearly before."

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Safer boxing, page 38
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UN arms sanctions sought on Belgrade

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sures for its implementation". The draft was prepared by France and finalised with Britain during a meeting between Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Roland Dumas, his French opposite number, on Sunday night.

The proposal also asks the UN secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, to begin mediation talks with the European Community, the Western European Union and the signatories of the ceasefire agreement.

Mr Hurd said that the UN secretary-general's proposed role was in addition, "not in competition", with European peace efforts led by Lord Carrington and Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister. Lord Carrington has invited the Yugoslav republics to what may be the last session of the EC peace conference in The Hague on Thursday.

The Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, and his ruling Socialist party have launched a bitter attack on opposition leaders, accusing them of "destructive activities" against the Yugoslav army and undermining its morale. The attack was thought to be directed in particular at Vuk Draskovic, who recently criticised the war against Croatia.

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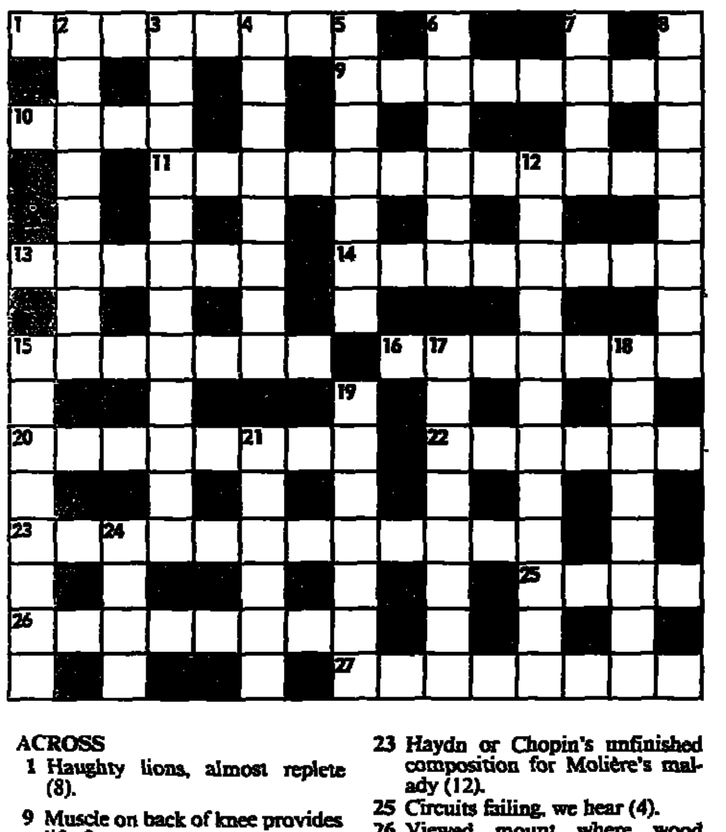
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,719



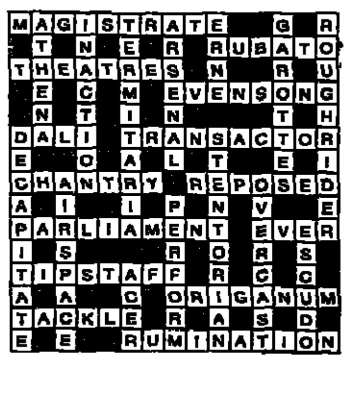
ACROSS

1 Haughty lions, almost replete (8).
9 Muscle on back of knee provides lift (8).
10 Oil has its origins here (4).
11 Horrid sly one is somehow ordained (2,4,6).
13 Reshaping a coif's a failure (6).
14 Ruddy cheerful! (8).
15 Ushers in members of a college (7).
16 Is he in prison perhaps for fiddling? (7).
20 On take-off, it's perhaps hard to be frivolous (8).
22 He may hold thirteen clubs in a game (6).
23 Haydn or Chopin's unfinished composition for Molière's malady (12).
25 Circuits failing, we hear (4).
26 Viewed mount where wood could be cut (3-5).
27 Many use repetition to become educated (8).

DOWN

2 Part of organ to study, say, on the tube (4-4).
3 This drumming is the indelible mark of Lucifer (6,6).
4 Where to get eels for a stew? (4-4).
5 Blind, and without support (7).
6 Leading actress nearly taking drug (6).
7 Way the old have difficulty in seeing (4).
8 Promotional literature ignoring America as a possible customer (8).
12 Cheat playing duplicate? (6-6).
15 Secret, but it's still repeated (4-4).
17 Delicacy in France is out of a consignment (8).
18 Unpleasant person finds the way to the well (8).
19 Programmes on television or sound (7).
21 In Spain, her eagerness to get stuck in is evident (6).
24 An unimportant person in Security (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,718



Concise crossword page 19

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

TIFFIN
a. A light muslin stuff
b. A quarrel
c. A light midday meal

POMELO
a. A grape-fruit
b. Part of a saddle
c. A handwarmer

CUMSHAW
a. A thingumajig
b. A gratuity
c. A man-drawn vehicle

CUMQUAT
a. A ceilidh
b. A hare's form
c. An eastern orange

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will start cloudy and a band of rain will move southwards during the morning, clearing the South-East only by evening. Bright skies will follow the rain. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have frequent and heavy showers. Most parts will be windy with gales in the North-West. The South will be mild and the North chilly. Outlook: continuing showery but winds easing.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Madrid	29	84	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	27	81	s	Miami*	29	84	t
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	16	61	s
Barbads*	29	84	s	Moscow	7	45	c
Barcelna	27	81	f	Munich	14	57	f
Beirut	26	79	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
Belgrade	29	84	s	Naples	19	66	t
Berlin	16	61	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N York*	20	68	s
Biarritz	22	72	f	Nice	26	79	f
Borde'x	21	70	c	Oslo	12	54	f
Brussels	16	61	r	Paris	20	68	f
Budapst	17	63	r	Peking	26	79	s
B Aires*	17	63	s	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	30	86	f	Prague	16	61	f
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Reykjavik	8	46	s
Chicago*	17	63	c	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	17	63	c	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'phagn	15	59	f	Rome	25	77	s
Corfu	26	79	f	Salzburg	13	55	c
Dublin	17	63	d	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	f	Santiago*	20	68	s
Faro	27	81	s	S Paulo*	27	81	c
Florence	22	72	f	Seoul	22	72	c
Frankfurt	16	61	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	24	75	f	St'kholm	15	59	f
Geneva	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Gibraltar	30	86	s	Sydney	18	64	s
Helsinki	12	54	c	Tangier	26	79	s
Hong K	30	86	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Innsbrck	18	64	f	Tenerife	27	81	s
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tokyo	26	79	f
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	17	63	f
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	32	90	f
Karachi	32	90	s	Valencia	29	84	s
L Palmas	26	79	t	Vanc'ver*	14	57	c
Le Tquet	16	61	c	Venice	23	73	f
Lisbon	25	77	s	Vienna	17	63	s
Locarno	23	73	s	Warsaw	15	59	f
London	17	63	c	Wash'ton*	21	70	s
L Angels*	27	81	s	Wel'nton	14	57	s
Luxembg	14	57	c	Zurich	14	57	c
Luxor	33	91	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.13
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.90	58.90
Canada $	2.085	1.917
Denmark Kr	11.79	11.04
Finland Mkk	7.48	7.03
France Fr	10.34	9.69
Germany Dm	3.05	2.85
Greece Dr	385.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	14.10	13.10
Ireland Pt	1.138	1.068
Italy Lira	2290.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	249.50	231.50
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	11.98	11.19
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.40
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.17	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.48
Turkey Lira	8800	7800
USA $	1.84	1.71
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 06C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.22 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	7.4	.31	17	63	shower
Aviemore	5.8	.16	11	52	shower
Belfast	5.2	.12	14	57	shower
Birmingham	8.8	.13	18	64	sunny
Blackpool	6.6	.39	16	61	shower
Bognor Regis	5.9	.28	18	64	bright
Bournemouth	7.0	.30	19	66	bright
Bristol	8.3	.14	17	63	sunny
Buxton	8.5	.43	14	57	sunny
Cardiff	7.5	.14	17	63	shower
Eastbourne	6.8	.28	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	6.0	.39	14	57	shower
Eskdalemuir	4.1	.35	13	55	shower
Exmouth	6.2	.09	18	64	bright
Folkestone	5.6	.33	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	9.9	.02	19	66	sunny
Hastings	6.2	.41	19	66	sunny
Hunstanton	9.2	.29	17	63	sunny
Ilfracombe	X	.48	16	61	shower
Jersey	6.1	.10	19	66	bright
Littlehampton	6.4	.30	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	6.8	.23	19	66	sunny
Minehead	7.2	.15	17	63	shower
Morecambe	8.0	.30	15	59	sunny
Newcastle	9.8	.11	15	59	shower
Newquay	4.2	.14	17	63	bright
Nottingham	8.2	.15	17	63	sunny
Penzance	6.7	.19	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	5.8	.06	18	64	bright
Poole	6.5	.24	20	68	bright
Salcombe	6.5	.08	19	66	sunny
Sandown	7.9	.37	18	64	sunny
Saunton Snd	7.4	.41	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	9.1	.22	15	59	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.6	.09	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	8.2	.39	18	64	sunny
Southsea	7.1	.28	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	4.4	.52	16	61	bright
Stornoway	3.0	.23	10	50	shower
Swanage	7.8	.23	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	7.7	.06	19	66	sunny
Tenby	6.9	.57	17	63	sunny
Tiree	3.3	.26	13	55	shower
Torquay	8.2	.14	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	8.1	.13	20	68	sunny
Wick	6.3	.06	12	54	rain

Sunday's figures are latest available

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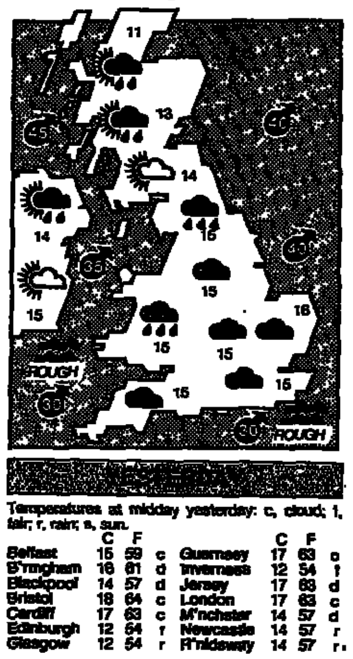

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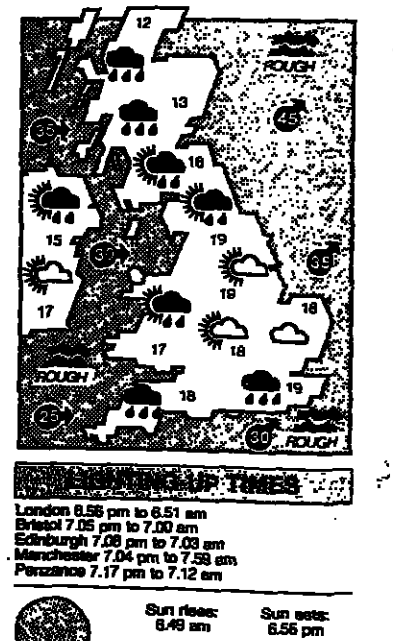

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	17	63	c
B'rmgham	16	61	c	Inverness	12	54	f
Blackpool	14	57	c	Jersey	17	63	d
Bristol	18	64	c	London	17	63	c
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'chster	14	57	d
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	14	57	r
Glasgow	12	54	f	R'ldsway	14	57	r

Sunday: Highest day temp: Weymouth, Dorset, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.71 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 9.9 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.56 pm to 6.51 am
Bristol 7.05 pm to 7.00 am
Edinburgh 7.08 pm to 7.03 am
Manchester 7.04 pm to 7.59 am
Penzance 7.17 pm to 7.12 am

	Sun rises: 6.49 am	Sun sets: 6.55 pm
	Moon sets 7.31 am	Moon rises 6.36 am

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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.5 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.40	6.8	2.59	7.1
Aberdeen	1.57	4.3	2.31	4.1
Avonmouth	8.18	12.8	8.31	13.3
Belfast	11.58	3.2		
Cardiff	8.01	12.0	8.18	12.3
Devonport	7.05	5.6	7.20	6.6
Dover	11.59	6.7		
Falmouth	6.35	5.3	6.50	5.4
Glasgow	1.50	4.7	2.05	4.7
Harwich	12.46	4.0	12.58	4.0
Holyhead	11.17	5.4	11.30	5.7
Hull	7.11	7.5	7.30	7.3
Ilfracombe	6.57	9.0	7.14	9.2
King's Lynn	7.21	6.6	7.42	6.5
Leith	3.23	5.4	3.54	5.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool			12.16	9.2
Lowestoft	10.16	2.5	11.01	2.3
Margate	12.56	4.6	12.54	4.8
Milford Haven	7.11	6.6	7.28	7.1
Newquay	6.01	6.8	6.19	7.1
Oban	6.47	3.9	7.00	4.2
Penzance	6.00	5.8	6.16	5.7
Portland	6.10	2.2	8.22	2.3
Portsmouth	12.08	4.5	12.33	4.7
Shoreham			12.14	6.1
Southampton			12.02	4.6
Swansea	7.15	9.3	7.32	9.6
Tees	4.27	5.4	4.55	5.2
W'Ton-on-Nze	12.39	4.2	12.47	4.2

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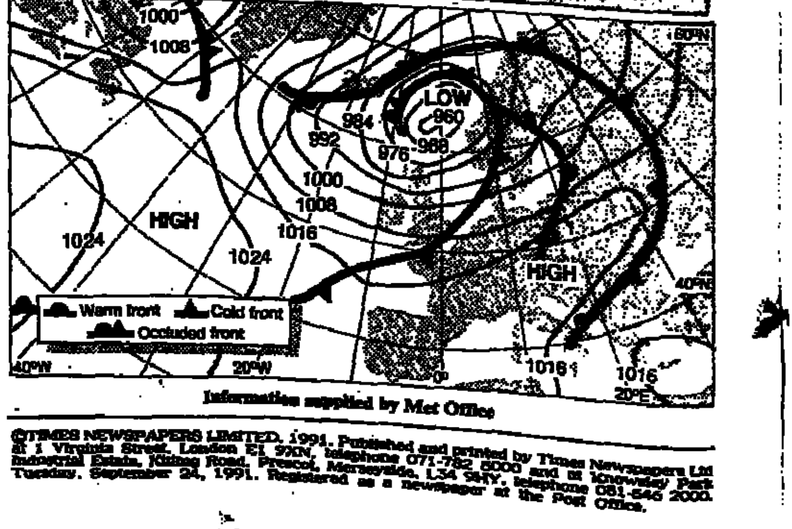

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THE TIMES
BUSINESS
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

MAI still hopes for franchise

MAI, the financial services and media group, is still confident of winning its bid for the south and south-east of England television franchise despite offering an estimated £17 million less than TVS, the current holder.

Lord Hollick, the managing director, has admitted that MAI's vehicle for the application has been substantially outbid by TVS. Even so he maintains that Meridian has a high chance of success. "If the bidding process was merely about money it would have already been decided. We have made proposals for high quality programming for the region," he said.

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ECC holds up

ECC Group continues to benefit from its 1990 restructuring programme, although suffering from weak construction materials markets. For the six months ended June it has reported pre-tax profits of £53.2 million (£57.2 million) on turnover of £511.8 million (£513.3 million).

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Bryant halved

Provisions totalling £12 million reduced pre-tax profits at Bryant Group, the housebuilder, to £10.3 million in the year to end-May, compared to £20.1 million the year before.

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Sir Kit named

Sir Kit McMahon, former chairman of the Midland Bank, has joined the board of Taylor Woodrow, the construction group, as a non-executive director. Sir Kit will have specific responsibility for the audit committee, which rules on, among other matters, executive salaries.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7445 (+0.0175)

German mark
2.9133 (−0.0071)

Exchange index
91.1 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30-share
2016.5 (−22.3)

FT-SE 100
2579.5 (−20.8)

New York Dow Jones
3017.67 (−1.57)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
Closed

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Schroders	922½p (+10p)
ECC Group	468½p (+11p)
House Of Lerose	118p (+13p)
Lloyd Thompson	424p (+10p)
P&P	109p (+10p)
Thomson Corp	735p (+10p)
Daejan	855p (+10p)
Alumasc	335p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Courtaulds	463½p (−16p)
Gestetner	198p (−10p)
THORN EMI	804½p (−10p)
BICC	398½p (−14p)
Reuters	931p (−23p)
Rank Org	676½p (−28p)
Wellcome	735p (−13p)
Tilbury Group	647½p (−10p)
Tarmac	200½p (−10p)
Redland	552p (−10p)
J Smurfit	602½p (−10p)
Bass	976½p (−8p)

Closing Prices...Page 27

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank $10\frac{9}{16}$-$10\frac{9}{32}$%
3-month eligible bills: $9\frac{7}{8}$-$9\frac{27}{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds $5\frac{5}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.20-5.19%*
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CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
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London forex market close

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London Fixing:
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close $349.30-349.80 (£200.20-200.70)
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BA abandons attempt to buy stake in Sabena

Sir Colin: called off talks

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

BRITISH Airways has finally given up all its attempts to take a large financial stake in Sabena, the Belgian national airline.

Talks which had been dragging on for months have now been broken off, leaving the way clear for Air France to finalise its own plans to buy 25 per cent of the troubled carrier and tighten its grip on short-haul air services within mainland Europe.

Sir Colin Marshall, British Airways' chief executive, called off the talks after Sabena insisted on a down-payment of £100 million, effectively putting a £400 million price tag on the airline which lost £120 million in 1990.

If Air France, which has so far offered almost £70 million for a similar share in Sabena, clinches the deal, Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's competition commissioner, is certain to become involved.

He could either veto the entire deal or impose strict curbs on the amount of control the newly capitalised airline can exert over operations from Brussels airport. That in turn would enable BA to negotiate with other continental airlines and move towards its long-term aim of developing a hub operation based on Brussels.

With the imminent liberalisation of air travel within the Community, BA has been exploring ways of establishing a powerful presence within continental Europe.

The first plan was to link in with Sabena and KLM, the Dutch airline, to create a new carrier, to be called Sabena World Airlines.

The idea was that businessmen from 70 cities throughout Europe would be able to catch a flight to Brussels where they would be able to change planes and fly on within half an hour to their eventual destination.

Such a plan, which would have involved the wholesale redevelopment of Brussels airport, received widespread support but collapsed earlier this year following the appointment of a new chairman at Sabena who wanted a single foreign investor to keep the company afloat.

At first BA appeared to be favourite to become the preferred partner but Air France stepped in as the price for a quarter share of the Belgian airline escalated.

BA executives have still not given up their plans to build up a European hub operation, however.

If no obvious partner airline should be available, BA could, under the new EC liberalisation package which will come into effect in 1993, set up its own intra-European network of services from Belgium.

Lamont confident of economic recovery

Official figures show recession past low point

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

FURTHER evidence that the recession has probably passed its lowest point emerged yesterday, when the Central Statistical Office increased its earlier estimates of service sector activity in the second quarter and published trade figures showing a clear rise in import demand.

The revised figures on the gross domestic product (GDP) showed a decline of only 0.6 per cent in the second quarter, compared with last month's preliminary estimate of an 0.9 per cent fall.

The smaller than expected fall was due to new information on services, showing the decline in this sector had virtually ended by the second quarter. Services output contracted only 0.1 per cent in the second quarter, while the manufacturing, energy and construction sectors all continued to suffer sharp falls.

Because services are by far the largest sector of the economy, accounting for 58 per cent of GDP, even a small further improvement in this sector would push the third-quarter GDP figures into positive territory.

One quarter of rising GDP would signal the recession's official end. Though a small rise in quarterly GDP would not reverse the rising trend of unemployment or company failures, it would constitute an "economic recovery" as defined by politicians. While Treasury officials were not prepared to predict that the third-quarter GDP would definitely turn positive, the possibility of a return to economic growth has been heightened by rising oil production after the completion of early summer maintenance work in the North Sea. Encouraging figures on manufacturing output in July, published last week, suggested even this sector may show some growth in the third quarter. However, most economists in both the government and the private sector, continue to be convinced that the recovery, when it comes, will be exceptionally weak, with both consumer spending and investment continuing to be squeezed by high real interest rates and the strong pound.

The statistics were welcomed by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, who said it was "increasingly clear that the economy is on the right track and the recession is coming to an end". The Treasury's forecast of a recovery in the second half of the year would be "fully vindicated," he told Scottish bankers.

The second-quarter GDP figures were in line with the Treasury's Budget forecast, which predicted a GDP decline of 3.1 per cent between the first half of 1990 and the first half of 1991, precisely what yesterday's figures showed. If the Treasury's forecasts continued to be borne out, GDP would rise 0.75 per cent in the second half of this year and a further 1.3 per cent in the first half of 1992.

Comparing yesterday's second-quarter figures with a year earlier, the fall in GDP was 3.7 per cent. This year-on-year decline was the same as that announced in the preliminary estimates in August.

The trade statistics showed Britain's visible trade deficit expanding to £743 million from £606 million in July, with both exports and imports reaching near-record levels. Exports hit a new monthly record of £9.12 billion, while imports were the highest since July 1990 at £9.87 billion. Both import and export volumes advanced sharply. For the first time since the start of the recession, government statisticians said "the underlying level of non-oil import volume was showing some signs of growth".

The August current-account deficit was £543 million after adding in an estimated monthly surplus of £200 million on invisible transactions. The widening of the trade deficit, which was worse than City expectations, was due to a decline in the surplus on "erratic items", such as aircraft, ships and precious stones. Excluding erratics, the August deficit was £1.06 billion, compared with £1.11 billion in July. The non-erratic deficit has remained stable at around £1.1 billion monthly since the early spring.

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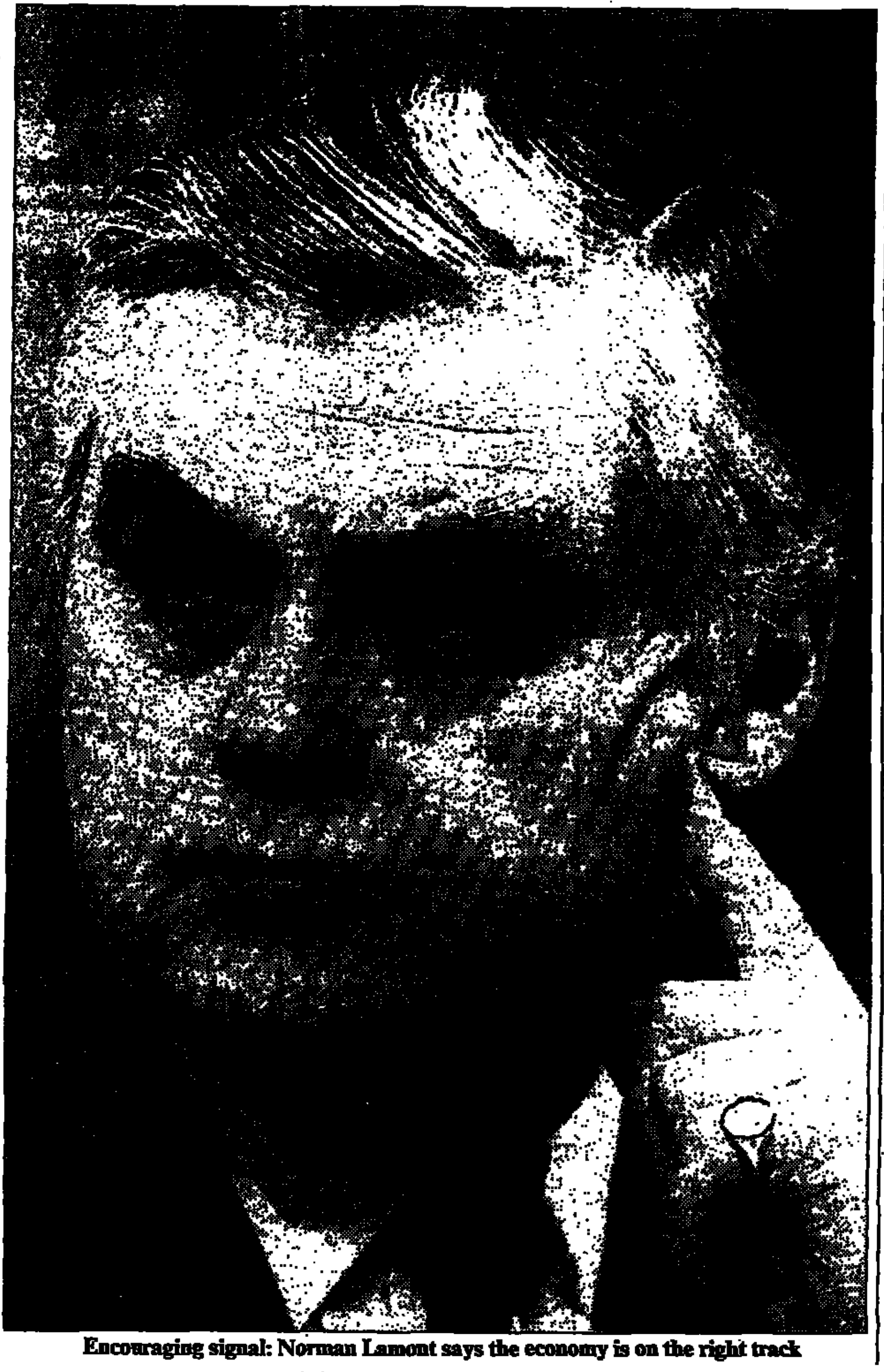

Encouraging signal: Norman Lamont says the economy is on the right track

Profit warning knocks shares in Lep

By Martin Barrow

SHARES in Lep Group, the freight distribution company where Michael Ashcroft's ADT has a 27 per cent shareholding, slumped from 87p to 36p after Lep issued a warning of a sharp fall in interim profits. John Read, the chairman, said that pre-tax profits for the six months to the end of June would be £1.59 million, compared with £10.4 million for the first half of last year.

He blamed adverse conditions and higher interest costs. Mr Read said profits for the full year were expected to be less than the £29.4 million for 1990. Analysts had expected a small increase to about £32.5 million. The company, whose borrowings are estimated at more than £400 million, representing gearing of at least 200 per cent, also said that refinancing talks with its bankers continued.

An outline of the refinancing terms is expected tomorrow when Lep intends to publish its interim results, which are normally released in October. Banks, led by National Westminster Bank, have agreed to provide up to £40 million in working capital with a standstill on debt repayment until the end of January.

Lep, which will not pay an interim dividend, will charge £20 million as an extraordinary item against losses likely to be incurred on the disposal of property in California.

Discussions continue with potential buyers of the National Guardian Corporation, the American security business. Lep is confident it can find a buyer to at least match NGC's book value of £265 million despite a difficult market. NGC earned profits, after tax, of $31.6 million last year on sales of $160 million.

The depth of the difficulties at Lep surprised analysts, who believed the company was weathering the recession well, aided by cost-cutting, although there was concern about the weak balance sheet. The company is now capitalised at £49.78 million and, with ADT considered to be anxious to unload its shares, it may be vulnerable to a takeover.

Foster's passes payout after loss

From Brian Buchanan in Sydney

FOSTER'S Brewing Group yesterday reported an attributable loss of Aus$43 million (£19.7 million) for the year to June 30.

Despite good returns from its brewing business, the group said it faced further losses and writedowns in its agribusiness and finance divisions.

The result compares with the $1.26 billion deficit in 1989-90, after rapid expansion under John Elliott, the former chairman and chief executive.

For the second consecutive year, directors decided not to declare a final dividend, leaving the annual payout at a fully franked 2.5 cents. Dividends would be restored to "an appropriate level" as the company returned to profitability, they said.

Harlin Holdings, Foster's main shareholder, headed by Mr Elliott, has about 37 per cent of Foster's, the dividends from which are its only source of income. Harlin has until November 1992 to renegotiate loans obtained when it set out to take over the group, then called Elders IXL.

Yesterday's result shows that Foster's had abnormal and extraordinary losses of $526.4 million, partly off-set by gains of $188.9 million from the sale of some investments.

Earnings before interest and tax in brewing eased from a revised $513.3 million the previous year, to $488.2 million.

Directors said they considered this a good performance as the recession had worsened in the second half of the year in Australia, Britain and Canada, the company's three main markets.

BAe silent on talk of board rift

By Our City Staff

BRITISH Aerospace maintained a stony silence in the face of damaging rumours of a boardroom split and growing uncertainty over prospects for its £432 million rights issue.

BAe shares slipped a further 8p to close at 420p. Disastrous interim profits and a forecast of sharply lower full-year profits meant the issue faced problems, but the company's slowness to respond to suggestions that a board faction is unhappy with Professor Sir Roland Smith, the chairman, will further deter institutions.

"How can they expect us to support a fund raising when we are not sure who, if anyone, is running the company," said one fund manager.

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Sir YK Pao dies in Hong Kong

From Lulu Yu
in Hong Kong

SIR Yue-kong Pao, Hong Kong shipping, property, hotels and trading magnate, died yesterday at the age of 73.

A native of Ningbo, near Shanghai, he amassed a personal fortune estimated at more than HK$25 billion (£1.85 billion). After arriving in the colony in 1949, he built a shipping business with the largest private fleet in the world and later diversified into property, banking, aviation and hotels.

Wharf Holdings, Worldwide Shipping and their subsidiaries, the public companies that his family controls, have a combined market capitalisation of more than HK$30 billion. But Sir Yue-kong, dubbed "king of the seas", was not just a businessman. Many saw him as a statesman and philanthropist.

He was Peking's appointee in helping to draft the Basic Law, under which Hong Kong will be governed after the sovereignty changeover in 1997, and was famed for friendships with leaders such as Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Deng Xiaoping and John Major.

He met Deng in 1987, and advised him to retire while still in good health. Sir Yue-kong himself had done so a year earlier, leaving his four sons-in-law to run his businesses.

Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong Kong, described him as the first businessman in the colony to achieve international stature. "His contribution to building up Hong Kong's prosperity was matched by great generosity in both education and the arts," he said. John Gray, deputy chairman of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, paid tribute to Sir Yue-kong's "integrity, dedication and wisdom".

Pao: "integrity"

Sir Yue-kong died suddenly of respiratory failure at his home. He suffered from asthma in the past 18 months, but otherwise his health seemed sound. In recent years he had been active travelling, swimming and playing golf.

One son-in-law, 46-year-old Peter Woo, chairs Sir Yue-kong's property and hotel interests; Helmut Sohmen, 51, an Austrian, heads Worldwide Shipping, with about 100 vessels; Edgar Cheng, 46, a cancer specialist, manages Worldwide Investment, a private finance company; and Shiniciro Watari, 43, a Japanese architect, looks after the Cornes and Co, the trading firm, in Tokyo.

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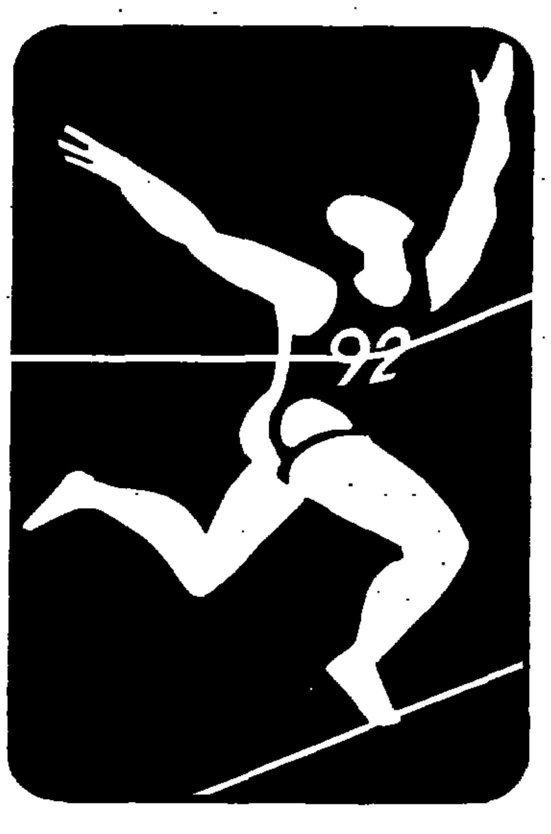

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Polypipe climbs to £13.9m

POLYPIPE, which makes plastic pipes and fittings, has bucked the trend with another profits advance. Pre-tax profits climbed from £13.4 million to a record £13.9 million in the year to end-June.

Organic growth and acquisitions helped sales increase by 14.5 per cent to £81.2 million. The balance sheet remains strong with £12 million of cash in the bank at the year end. The final dividend is 2.55p (2.4p), making 3.75p (3.50p). A one-for-one scrip issue is proposed.

Interest helps Fortnum

Fortnum & Mason reports pre-tax profits of £318,000 for the 24 weeks to July 13 compared with £185,000 for a 28-week first half in 1990. However, the profit was struck only after £326,000 of received interest wiped out a trading loss of £8,000. The company said the two periods, however, were not directly comparable. A first interim dividend of 10p (6p) has been declared.

Metalrax rises

Metalrax Group reports pre-tax profits up from £3.26 million to £3.3 million in the six months ended June 30, the 15th successive record results. The interim dividend rises from 0.91p to 1p.

Lloyd issue

Lloyd Thompson Group is paying a total dividend of 9p (7.5p) for the year to end-June. Pre-tax profits increased by 35 per cent to £11.3 million. A one-for-one scrip issue is proposed.

Alliance loss

Alliance Resources made a pre-tax profit of $102,643 in the year ended April (loss of $413,141) but a loss of $1.62 million (loss $413,141) after exceptional and extraordinary items.

Payout dropped

Shares in Grovewood Securities dropped 2p to 5p as the property company cancelled plans to pay a 0.35p interim dividend.

BHH passes

BHH Group has passed its interim dividend (1p) after a pre-tax loss of £2.7 million in the six months to end-June (profit of £4.28 million).

Richmond sale

Richmond Oil & Gas has raised $20 million through the sale of its coalbed methane properties in Colorado and New Mexico.

SNC cuts jobs

Smith New Court is to shut its Australian operations with the loss of about 26 jobs.

Bundesbank sees end to east German recession

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank has claimed that the recession in eastern Germany is about to end and that the country's public finances are in better shape than had been expected.

The German central bank's September monthly report contained the most optimistic view of the economy to be issued this year. The report said: "A number of signs in the eastern German economy suggest that the recession has bottomed out. The locomotive in the productive sectors of the economy is the construction industry, which should act as a catalyst for the expected economic recovery."

The comments follow a projection by Jürgen Möllemann, the economics minister, which said the eastern German economy would bounce back strongly next year and contribute half a percentage point towards pan-German economic growth.

The news will be welcomed by the government, which has been severely ciriticised over fiscal policy.

The Bundesbank said that the public sector deficit would be lower than expected and revised its forecast of between DM150 billion and DM160 billion down to DM140 billion or lower, because of greater than expected tax revenues. The public sector deficit, at 5 per cent of gross national product, the highest since 1975, is expected to fall next year.

In spite of the generally optimistic tones, the Bundesbank reiterated its warning on inflation and wage rises, which it blames in part for the strong rise in unemployment in the east of the country.

"Moderate wage settlements, which take account of productivity more so than they did in 1990 and 1991, would be a significant contribution to improve the survival chances of many companies in eastern Germany, and would also help secure jobs," the report said.

Eastern German inflation was 17.5 per cent in July, although most of that was the result of price adjustments to western German levels. Apart from these adjustments, the Bundesbank said that underlying inflation in eastern Germany was 5 per cent because of the strong level of wage rises.

The report added: "If this tendency continues, one can no longer exclude a transfer of eastern German inflationary impulses into the western German economy. Both parts of the country interact ever more closely, as a result of which bad developments in one region would increasingly filter into the rest of the country."

The Bundesbank defended its recent decision to raise interest rates as a continuation of a policy geared towards monetary stability.

The report said: "In view of the differing economic challenges in the various countries, a uniform monetary strategy, aimed to lead to lower interest rates worldwide, is not justifiable. Instead, every single country has to keep its own house in order on the basis of its own specific conditions."

EFM falls despite extra business

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FALLING interest rates caused Edinburgh Fund Managers, the investment manager controlled by British Coal Pension Funds, to suffer a 4 per cent drop in pre-tax profits in the half year to end-July, despite a sharp rise in funds under management.

EFM increased its assets in the half year 36 per cent to a record £1.9 billion. Two thirds of the gain was caused by the rise in world stock markets, while the remaining third came from new business. The interim dividend is being increased 11 per cent to 5p.

The new business included the launch of a £15 million income investment trust and the acquisition of management contracts for four unit trusts from Royal London, which have been merged with EFM's existing operations.

Profits fell despite the new businesses because of a 25 per cent plunge in interest earnings from EFM's sterling deposits to £796,000. Nevertheless, EFM remains Scotland's most profitable investment management group.

Iain Watt, the recently appointed managing director, said the second half should see the first profits from Private Fund Managers, the private client portfolio subsidiary that EFM set up in London last year and has, so far, attracted fund of £60 million.

"Miniscule" assets: Bond says he has a ten-year-old car

Court sets Bond on bankruptcy course

From BRIAN BUCHANAN IN SYDNEY

A NEW South Wales court has found Alan Bond, once one of Australia's richest men, personally liable for debts of US$194.6 million.

Mr Bond, who had a personal fortune of Aus$100 million two years ago, faces bankruptcy after the court found in favour of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Tricontinental Australia.

After yesterday's judgment, the banks began bankruptcy proceedings against Mr Bond, who said he could not cover the guarantee because of his "miniscule" assets. He sought a stay of the judge's ruling, however, pending an appeal and to prevent the bankruptcy action. The judge will rule on the stay today.

The court had upheld the validity of a guarantee, signed by Mr Bond in February 1990 when the two banks, with Bank of New Zealand, lent US$330 million to Larobi, one of his companies, for a Queensland nickel project.

Mr Bond told the court his main assets were Aus$50,000 (about £23,000) in bank accounts and a ten-year-old car. He said he had paid his legal fees by selling a half share of the household furniture to his wife, Eileen, who had paid for it out of personal funds.

He admitted under questioning, however, that he had a superannuation policy worth more than Aus$2 million but had not thought it an asset. He said his luxurious waterside home in Perth was owned by a family trust and he was not a beneficiary nor a director.

The case resumes today.

Offering in Polly Peck Del Monte favoured

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE preferred means of raising cash for the heavily indebted Polly Peck International group would be through an initial public offering in America of shares in Polly Peck International Del Monte, the group's fresh fruit business, according to one of the administrators running the group.

Michael Jordan, joint administrator, said that trade buyers had shown interest in Polly Peck Del Monte. An offering was the favoured route but all options were being considered and a decision would be made by the committee of Polly Peck creditors, who are owed £1.15 billion. Polly Peck went into administration last October.

There has been talk in the fresh fruit industry that one of the market leaders, such as Fyffes or Chiquita Brands International, might bid for Polly Peck Del Monte.

So far, no formal offers have been made, but $600 million to $750 million has been suggested as an acquisition price.

Mr Jordan said that no two offers were based on the same assumptions and each had to be evaluated. Apart from the value of the offers, thought had to be given to treatment of senior debt.

Polly Peck Del Monte was bought for $557 million of acquisition loan, which is treated separately from parent debt.

Mr Jordan said proceeds from Polly Peck Del Monte could be used to repay all or part of the Del Monte loan, although it was likely a small portion of senior debt might be left. Preliminary work on a shares offering had already begun but the size of stake that might be floated on the American stock market had yet to be decided by the creditors' committee, he added.

The administrators want to maximise value to meet creditors' claims. Part-flotation, which was being considered for Polly Peck's Middle East units, would release cash to pay group debts but would also leave a strategic stake to benefit from future growth.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

PFG Hodgson halves interim dividend

PFG Hodgson Kenyon International, Britain's largest funeral director, has cut its interim dividend from 2.1p to 1p after pre-tax profits slumped from £6.3 million to £3.5 million in the six months to the end of June. The company, whose founding chief executive, Howard Hodgson, resigned suddenly earlier this year, was affected by a sharp rise in costs and interest charges. Earnings per share fell from 7.5p to 4.3p, fully diluted.

Turnover rose from £26 million to £28.2 million and gross profits from £18.1 million to £19.2 million. But administrative expenses of £13.7 million (£10.6 million), reduced operating profits from £7.85 million to £5.51 million. Net interest rose from £1.55 million to £2 million.

Hibernian nears Ir£3m

HIBERNIAN Group, the Dublin insurance company, has raised its interim dividend to 1.90p (1.75p) after taxable profits of Ir£2.84 million (£2.6 million), up from Ir£61,000, in the half year to end-June. Premium income grew by 7.4 per cent to Ir£73.9 million. Earnings per share jumped to 3.5p from 0.07p last time.

Quarto lifts dividend

QUARTO Group, the book and magazine publisher, is raising its dividend to 1.6125p (1.5p) despite a dip in pre-tax profits to £1.21 million (£1.27 million) in the six months to end-June. Earnings per share were unchanged at 4.5p, while fully diluted earnings held steady at 5.0p. The shares firmed 1p to 115p.

Hawtal profits plunge

THE recession in the automotive industry and tight margins slashed pre-tax first half profits at Hawtal Whiting Holdings, the design engineering consultancy group, from £634,000 to £178,000 in the six months to end-June.

Turnover climbed from £28.4 million to £30 million, boosted by the group's overseas exposure. There was a 0.67p loss per share, against earnings of 3.62p last time. Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Unigroup up by 81%

UNIGROUP, the timber-to-building materials and clothing concern, lifted pre-tax profits by 81 per cent to £1.29 million (£713,000) in the year to end-June, on turnover of £23.1 million (£19.9 million). Earnings per share jump to 3.81p, against 0.51p last time. There is no dividend. The shares rose 4½p to 23½p.

Billam rises to £109,000

J BILLAM, the Sheffield precision sheet metal engineer and cutting tool specialist, lifted pre-tax profits by 49 per cent to £109,000 (£73,000) in the six months to end-June despite a fall in turnover. Earnings per share jump 56 per cent to 4.5p (2.9p). The interim dividend remains at 1.64p. The shares added 2p to 87p.

Rutland tumbles

PRE-TAX profits at Rutland Trust, the financial services company, fell to £3.87 million in the six months to end-June, against £6.59 million previously, after turnover fell to £52.3 million (£75.6 million).

Earnings per share slide to 0.88p (1.60p), but the interim dividend remains at 0.27p. There was an extraordinary debit of £1.75 million, mainly due to a loss on the disposal of the computer leasing operations. The shares firmed ½p to 13½p.

BP sells 15% gas field stake

By MARTIN BARROW

BP, which has pledged to complete disposals worth up to £2 billion this year, has continued to tidy up its portfolio of assets in the North Sea by withdrawing from the Victor gas field.

The company is selling its 15 per cent interest in the field, located in the southern North Sea, to Total Oil marine for £40 million. The transaction has been cleared by the energy department and development partners have waived pre-emption rights. Victor, in North Sea blocks 49/17 and 49/22, began production in 1984. Output this year is expected to average about 148 million cubic feet of gas per day. All sales from the field are contracted to British Gas.

The deal gives Total its first involvement in the field. Superior Oil, a unit of Mobil, is the field operator with 45 per cent.

Other partners include Statoil, of Norway, with 10 per cent and Seafield with 5 per cent. A further 5 per cent has been held since April by Sovereign Oil and Gas, now the subject of an agreed bid by Neste Oy.

Separately, Ethyl Corporation said it had signed a letter of intent to acquire substantial parts of BP Chemicals' Adibis lubricant and fuel additives business for a sum yet to be disclosed.

Adibis, which operates outside America, has annual sales of about $100 million.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,294	Cadbury	556	Lonrho	702	Royal Ins	301
Alld-Lyons	4,407	CU	143	Lucas	341	Sainsbury	2,094
Anglian	549	Courtaulds	1,652	M&S	4,736	Scot & N	84
ASDA	9,137	Enterprise	61	Maxwell Cm	1,335	Scot Power	7,904
AB Foods	1,035	Eurotunnel	1,112	MEPC	154	Sears	8,367
Argyll	1,316	Fisons	1,972	Midland	1,889	Severn Trnt	426
Arjo Wigg	267	Forte	606	Natl Power	4,800	Shell	2,524
BAA	887	Gen Acc	134	Nat West	306	Smith & N	737
BET	4,360	GEC	592	N W Water	1,100	SK Beech	582
BTR	3,043	Glaxo	1,122	P&O	699	Sun Allnce	189
BAT	2,100	Grand Met	707	Pearson	27	Tarmac	2,272
Barclays	1,510	GUS 'A'	71	Pilkington	1,754	Tate Lyle	438
Bass	1,037	GRE	731	PowerGen	2,026	TSB	755
BICC	341	Guinness	997	Prudential	1,259	Tesco	4,658
Bk Scotlnd	692	Hanson	3,006	Rank	551	Thames Wtr	1,008
Blue Circle	202	Hawker	2,214	R&C	223	Thorn EMI	324
BOC	2,775	Hillsdown	3,356	Redland	196	Trafalgar	973
Boots	1,422	ICI	2,398	Reed	582	Ultramar	1,724
Br Aero	148	Inchcape	50	Rentokil	150	Unilever	495
Br Airways	1,298	Kingfisher	544	Reuters	368	United Bis	594
Br Gas	3,914	Lasmo	1,195	RMC Gp	261	Vodafone	2,746
Br Petrol	2,939	Ladbroke	1,198	RTZ	2,263	Wellcome	423
Br Steel	1,855	Land Sec	527	R-Royce	843	Whitbrd	329
Br Telecm	4,028	L&G	388	Rothmans 'B'	114	Williams	580
C&W	2,018	Lloyds	433	Royal Bank	570	Willis Cor	964

Miller named as new SMMT chief

By KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SIR Hal Miller, the Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, is to take over as chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Sir Hal, who is leaving parliament at the general election, has been an outspoken supporter of the industry as joint chairman of the all-party motor industry group in the House of Commons.

He recently led a delegation of the chairmen of Britain's four big car manufacturing groups to ask Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to relax the fierce tax regime that has contributed to a big fall in the sales of new cars this year.

Sir Hal, who was educated at Eton and Merton College, Oxford, is a fellow of the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank and has long experience of trade and industry abroad, partly as a result of a 13-year term with the colonial service. He has been the MP for Bromsgrove, which lies at the heart of motor industry manufacturing in the West Midlands, since 1974.

Sir Hal: facing tough job

He takes up his job at the SMMT on November 1, at a time when the motor industry faces its most difficult year for a decade, with widescale lay-offs, production cuts and falling sales.

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Lowndes Lambert (290p)	318 +2
Manchester Utd (385p)	285
Mirror Group (125p)	94
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	113
Oryx Gold	219
Simpson of Cornhl	48
Sterling Tst	50
Tollgate	97 +2
US Smaller	106

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Br Polythene N/P	75
Ladbroke N/P	32 -2
P & O N/P	61 +1

(Issue price in brackets).

Showdown at Holmes Protection

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE long battle for control of Holmes Protection Group, the New York security alarms business quoted in London, is likely to come to a head today at a special meeting.

Nearly one-third of the shareholders, including the rebel investors who oppose a restructuring plan, called the meeting. But because of a "technicality" they cannot vote on the restructuring.

Holmes, seeking to refinance debts of over $62 million by selling activities and converting part of the debt into equity, intends to hold a vote in principle.

The rebels claim to have 43 per cent proxy support of shareholders to appoint five new directors. The question is whether institutions will back the rebels who want a new deal with the banks and retain all the group's assets.

Holmes, which has interim losses of $1.4 million, claims support from Hill Samuel, M&G and the Prudential.

New issue from NHL

NATIONAL Home Loans, the troubled mortgage lender, has launched a £125 million securitisation to relieve pressure on its balance sheet.

The group has, however, settled for a lower rating on the issue than previous securities.

The debt has been graded as AA by Standard & Poor's, the rating agency, instead of AAA. The lower rating was caused by the use of mortgage guarantees from Sun Alliance, the insurer, which is now rated as a AA+ institution.

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Industry faces a new challenge

COMMENT

It looks increasingly as if the recession is now statistically over, but this is no reason to start throwing hats in the air. First, the idea that the recession would go on for ever was never more than a figment of the Labour Party's imagination (occasionally fomented by the CBI). No recession in post-war history has lasted more than five quarters — and in the the fifth quarter of the longest one on record (1979-81) GDP fell by only 0.1 per cent. Thus, history alone suggested that the recession was almost certain to end in either the second or third quarter of this year.

Secondly, even assuming the latest recession ended in the second quarter, its severity was still appalling. The decline in GDP in the second quarter of 1991 was 3.7 per cent. This makes 1990-91 the second deepest recession in Britain's post-war history. In 1979-80, GDP fell by a record 4.9 per cent.

However, for British consumers, the present recession was worse than the last one, though less bad than the one before. Consumer expenditure, according to yesterday's figures, fell by 1.7 per cent between the second quarters of 1990 and 1991. The corresponding fall in the last recession was only 1.5 per cent, but in 1974-75 consumption plunged by 2.3 per cent.

Finally, a more abstract reason for caution. The greatest risks of an economic strategy built around membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism has always been in the medium-term. After a year of economic hardship, it may be hard to recall the euphoria among businessmen and Conservative politicians a year ago, when Britain joined the ERM, but it is worth doing. The reason the politicians were delighted was because ERM membership held out the prospect of cutting interest rates, without allowing sterling to devalue.

This prospect has broadly been achieved. But the cuts in interest rates came much more slowly than most politicians and businessmen had hoped and expected. As a result, the debate about ERM membership was side-tracked into slanging matches about interest rate policy and the government's willingness to pull the economy out of recession.

This was a crucial issue, but it had nothing to do with the original debate about ERM. That debate centred on the question of whether ERM membership, by allowing sterling to be propped up at a higher level than free markets would have permitted, would redirect the squeeze which the service sector of the economy had been suffering last year on to the manufacturing and other tradeable goods sectors.

The two sets of figures published by the Central Statistical Office suggest that this debate will soon be resumed. The GDP figures showed that the service sector did indeed begin to benefit rapidly from ERM membership, virtually pulling out of recession by the second quarter. But for manufacturers, life may become harder, rather than easier in the months and years ahead. Imports are already starting to grow strongly, as the economy recovers, while export growth is tailing off. The real challenges of ERM membership still lie ahead.

No smoke

British Aerospace has plenty of business and financial problems to solve without inflicting more upon itself. Yesterday, the company missed yet another opportunity to set the record straight in the face of rumours which simply have to be addressed. BAe like all public companies of a certain size is, more or less permanently, subjected to speculation by investors and others over its future plans and prospects.

Naturally, any board hates to feel that the rumour-mongers are calling the shots, forcing statements where none is necessary. But, in BAe's case, a response is not only sensible but essential if its £432 million rights issue is to be taken seriously by those whose backing is needed.

Sir Roland Smith, the chairman, Dick Evans, the chief executive, and the rest of the board may well wish the rumours to go away. But they are the most damaging possible for a company asking its shareholders for cash.

The common thread linking most stories is that Sir Roland is under pressure to step aside from the chair. Some versions have it that Mr Evans is leading a drive to oust his chairman. Others suggest that both have lost the confidence of the institutions. Another variant has it that that non-executive board members want Sir Graham Day, currently the head of the group's Rover cars division and chairman of Cadbury Schweppes, to replace Sir Roland.

There is currently a news blackout at the BAe head office in London's Strand. The longer it continues, the more the rumours will appear to have substance. After all, it takes very little time to issue a statement, denying suggestions of a split and affirming that all of the directors are unanimous in support of their chairman and his plans for the future.

Meanwhile, vital days are being lost to the task of briefing key institutions as to the underlying problems facing the business and gathering their backing for the rights issue. The deadline for clarification is an extraordinary meeting to approve the issue, which is scheduled for October 7. But, if the silence persists much longer, BAe looks increasing like losing not just a chairman, but a rights issue as well.

Politics override economics in Slovakia's independent thinking

Czechoslovakia may become the next eastern European candidate for disintegration

Privatisation planner: Vaclav Klaus, finance minister

IT SEEMS that no eastern European country is small enough to avoid being a candidate for possible split-up. The latest, after the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, is Czechoslovakia, where leaders of the Slovakian republic have stepped up their campaign for independence.

There are many powerful economic arguments to keep the country together, the prefered option of President Vaclav Havel and the federal government. Privately, however, federal government officials say that the chances of that are looking bleaker, and that the economic reform process, east Europe's most successful, is in danger.

The proponents of unity won temporary relief yesterday, when the Slovakian parliament narrowly failed to endorse a sovereignty declaration. The vote, however, has more to do with disagreements over procedural aspects than with the desire to achieve sovereignty as such. Another debate is due later this week.

As yet, the constitutional position of eventual Slovakian independence is utterly confusing. So are the various independence options. Some favour devolution, while others want outright independence. The people of Slovakia, if the opinions polls are to be believed, could not care less.

A rather blunt description of Czechoslovakia's choice came from Jiri Dienstbier, the foreign minister, who said that the country could either join a wealthy Europe by staying together, or join the Soviet Union or Yugoslavia. Equally blunt was the response by a Slovakian minister who said if that was the choice, Yugoslavia would suit him just fine.

The debate is highly emotive. As everywhere else in central and eastern Europe, independence discussion is about ethnical issues, backed up by more or less valid historical claims. The debate is not, however, about economics, and this despite the fact that the most daunting consequences of independence would be economic.

Superficially, that should not be the case, as Slovakian independence would free the wealthier Czechs from subsidising the less well-off Slovaks. But this does not take into account the strong economic interdependence between the two republics, the trade flows, and the energy supply — a Slovakian monopoly. In the short term, a split-up, so say government officials, would lead to an economic slump, particularly if Slovakian independence came about in a disorderly manner. Slovakian officials admit openly that the quest for independence is about power. Jozef Belcák, Slovakia's economics minister, said the republics already have responsibility for the unpopular decisions, like the restructuring of industry, and it would be right for them to be given the appropriate powers to choose their own economic policies. That, he said, could include a Slovakian currency, customs regulations and control of its banking system. Andit could also mean full responsibility for privatisation, and this would make matters considerably more complicated, not least for western investors.

Next month, Czechoslovakia's federal privatisation programme is due to enter a decisive phase. Some privatisation decisions have already been taken at republican level, including the recent decision by the Czech national government to allow over 50 companies be sold to western investors. The federal plan differs in that companies are not sold off to foreigners but given away almost for free to the citizens. This will be achieved through investment vouchers and coupons, which will entitle the citizen of Czechoslovakia to bid for the country's state-owned assets.

But the system, devised by Vaclav Klaus, the radical federal finance minister, makes no distinction between Slovak and Czech assets, nor between Slovak and Czech citizens. In case of a split-up, the politics of privatisation is certainly going to be the responsibility of the republics, whose governments are unenthusiastic about vouchers and prefer the direct sales method. As a result the privatisation process could be delayed. In any case, western investors would be totally confused.

More immediately, a split-up could lead to a disruption in inter-republican trade, further damaging the companies and their chances for privatisation. Both sides would suffer, but Slovakia probably more. Slovakia's unemployment rate, at 7.7 per cent, is over twice as high as in the Czech republic, and Slovakia has yet to carry out the toughest restructuring. Be it a dubious nuclear power station near Bratislava, or the country's electro-mechanical or defence industries, a good deal of Slovakia's industry is not viable. There are concerns that Slovakia, once independent, could be less enthusiastic about economic reform that the federal government has been so far. The Slovakian economics minister denies this allegation as mischievous.

It is through Slovakia, however, where the Russian gas pipeline flows, and it is Slovakia which has the oil refineries and the biggest power stations. More important, many of the country's large companies are hopelessly scattered across the country. The most prominent example is Skoda Cars, now partly owned by Volkswagen, which receives 40 per cent of its parts from factories in Slovakia.

The severity of the economic consequences of a Slovakian separation would depend on the manner in which it is achieved, and how the Czechs would react. The Czechs, pessimistic as ever, have already prepared a catastrophe plan. This foresees, within 24 hours of a Slovakian independence declaration, the erection of an effective border, the imposition of customs duties and the introduciton of a national Czech banking system.

Even in a worst-case scenario Czechoslovakia is not another Yugoslavia, not least because there is no likelihood of military intervention. But as government officials admit, the country already faces enough economic problems and can ill-afford such luxuries as are being debated in Bratislava. At the very least, they distract attention from the real issues. At the worst, this latest offshoot from the collapse of communism, will prove yet another obstacle on the road to a free economy.

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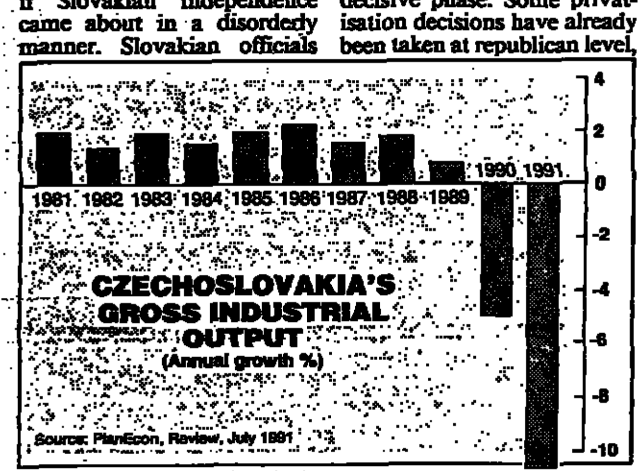
European Business Correspondent



CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S GROSS INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT (Annual growth %)

Source: PlanEcon, Review, July 1991

BUSINESS LETTERS

British Airways repeats a 27-year-old error

From Professor W. Frend

Sir, As a small shareholder of both Rolls-Royce and British Airways, I was interested to see that the combined half-year profits of both companies was just £20 million. It would seem that if they are not prepared to work together as in the past, both are in danger of going to the wall separately.

Unfortunately, BA seems intent on repeating history of 27 years ago. Then, in June 1964, the BOAC board rejected VC10 for its fleet in favour of Boeing. In the first week of July there was a *Guardian* leader "Vote of no confidence". In October, the Home government fell, quickly followed by the cancellation of TSR2. Britain had to depend on America for its civil and military planes and lost the capacity of manufacturing large passenger airplanes. Until the advent of Airbus, Boeing achieved a quasi-monopoly of passenger air transport in Europe. Yet today the surviving VC10s still fly. Their immediate rivals are no longer in service.

BA's rejection of the RR Trent engine for its new Boeing 777 fleet may not have so disastrous political and economic consequences for the UK. Medium-term, however it puts RR's credibility at risk, unless BA is prepared to limit the damage by leaving its options open to buy RR later.

As it stands, BA is unlikely to emerge from this transaction unscathed. There will be fewer incentives not to fly to the USA by the more strongly financed and resourced American Airlines.

"Flying the Flag" with BA will become a thing of the past.

Yours faithfully,
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Little Wilbraham, Cambridge.

BAe suffers from part-time leadership

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, British Aerospace warns of a £100m deficit, partly because Rover has slipped back into loss. Sir Graham Day undertook to remain at the helm for three years when BAe bought Rover.

There was no hint that this might be a part-time job — but Professor Roland Smith, with his own multitudinous executive and non-executive responsibilities, could hardly raise an objection when one of his subordinates accepted an additional major chairmanship.

Might these firms have performed less poorly with the full attention of their leaders, that they owe us for the trust we repose in them?

Yours faithfully,
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Stockport.

Price of a Penguin

From Mr Neil Rattee

Sir, The comparison made by Mr E. Junge (September 12) of the average price of a Penguin book with that of the old 6d is even worse than he states. If we take ten times the current cost of *The Times* to be £4, this is 160 not 120 times the value of the old 6d. Has any other item gone up as much in 50 years?

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Vintage honour

LORD Sainsbury was in equally distinguished company at the weekend when he flew to the Chateaux Loudenne, near Bordeaux, to have one of France's highest regional honours bestowed on him. He was there to celebrate the new harvest, as a guest of IDV, the drinks arm of Grand Metropolitan, and as one of Britain's principal buyers of wine. Disguising his customary attire under a purple robe and hat, he was made a *commandeur de bontemps de Médoc et Graves*, an honour bestowed on those who do much for the wine industry. He shared the platform with the Duc D'Orleans, the pretender to the French throne... and swarms of mosquitoes, which plagued the 900 revellers.

WHAT does Hong Kong have in common with the Irish Republic? They are the two countries excluded from BT's current campaign promoting international phone calls "in 199 out of 201 countries".

"That reminds me — who is chairman of Aerospace this morning?"

Baby boomers

THE Square Mile's economists rarely agree on anything, especially during their regular television appearances. They do, however, appear to have one thing in common. No fewer than five of them have either just become fathers or are nursing young children; a sign, perhaps, that the economy is taking a turn for the better. John Shepperd of SG Warburg, Gerrard Lyons of DKB International and Tim Congdon of Gerrard & National all have new additions to the family, following a lead set by Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs and Keith Skeoch of James Capel. They can claim to have spotted the trend well in advance.

SIR Patrick Wright, who stepped down as head of the diplomatic service in June, is being sought by Britain's company chiefs. Already due to join the boards of Barclays Bank and British Petroleum, Sir Patrick has now been made an advisory director of Unilever.

Driving ambitions

JAMES Capel in first place, followed by NatWest, UBS Phillips & Drew, Hambros and Bankers Trust. No, not another Extel reshuffle, but the results of a weekend go-karting showdown in Kent, in which about 200 City racers competed for the Square Mile trophy. Nick Panchaud, head of Capel's risk monitoring unit, who led his team to victory, said: "I've never seen so much bad driving in my life." The teams — printable ones at least — included The Dean Witless L-Plates, the Prudential Bache Slickers, Big Fish — Small Pond, and Canary Wharf Bound.

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WALL STREET

New York — Blue chips were flat in directionless, morning trading after a slow start. The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by just 0.77 of a point to 3,020.

Investors, lacking strong conviction, were selectively buying and selling.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended a lethargic day down slightly. The Dax index closed 1.91 points, or 0.1 per cent, lower at 1,614.16. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 23 midday	Sep 20 close		Sep 23 midday	Sep 20 close		Sep 23 midday	Sep 20 close
Abbott Lab	53⅝	54	Enron	67⅝	67⅝	Oryx Enrgy	33⅝	33⅝
Aetna Life	33⅝	33⅝	Entergy	25⅝	25¼	Pac Ent	29⅝	29⅝
Ahmanson	17⅝	18⅝	Ethyl	24⅝	24¼	Pac Gas Elec	28⅝	28⅝
Air Prods	65⅝	65⅝	Exxon	59	59	Pac Telesis	41⅝	42⅝
Albertsons	38⅝	39⅝	Fed NMA	64⅝	64⅝	Paccar	46	45⅝
Alcan Al	19⅝	19⅝	Fedrl Expre	36⅝	36¼	Pacificorp	22⅝	22⅝
Alco Stand	33⅝	34	Fst Norstar	23⅝	23⅝	Pall	37⅝	38⅝
Allied Signal	36⅝	37	Fluor	42	42⅝	Paramount	36	36⅝
Alumin CA	64⅝	66	FMC	47⅝	47⅝	Parker-Hanfn	24⅝	25⅝
Am Brands	44⅝	44⅝	Ford Motor	29⅝	29¼	Penney	50⅝	49⅝
Am Cyanmd	66⅝	66	FPL	32⅝	32⅝	Pennzoil	65⅝	65⅝
Am EPC	30	29⅝	Fst Chicago	26⅝	27⅝	Pepsico	28⅝	29⅝
Am General	38⅝	39⅝	Fst Intrsta	31⅝	31¼	Pfizer	65⅝	65
Am Home	69⅝	70½	Fst Union	27	27⅝	Phlps Pet	26⅝	26⅝
Am Intl	81⅝	82⅝	Gannett	40⅝	41	Philips Elec	22⅝	22⅝
Am Stores	35⅝	35⅝	GAP	45⅝	44⅝	Phlp Morris	72⅝	72⅝
Amax	20⅝	20⅝	Gen Cinema	20⅝	20⅝	Phlps Dodge	74⅝	76⅝
Amer Hess	57⅝	57	Gen Elec	69⅝	69⅝	Pitney Bow	61¼	61⅝
Ameritech	62⅝	62	Gen Mills	60⅝	60⅝	Placer Dm	10⅝	10⅝
Amex	25⅝	25⅝	Gen Motors	38⅝	38⅝	PNC Fncl	38⅝	38⅝
Amoco	51¼	51¼	Gen RE	87⅝	87⅝	Prhdle Estn	12⅝	12⅝
AMP	51¼	51¼	Gen Signal	48	48⅝	Polaroid	24⅝	24⅝
AMR	58⅝	58⅝	Genuine Pts	43⅝	44⅝	PPG Inds	63⅝	63⅝
Anheuser-B	53⅝	53⅝	Georgia-Pac	53⅝	54⅝	Prctr Gmble	84⅝	84⅝
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Arkla	15⅝	15⅝	Goodyear	43⅝	43⅝	Pub Service	27⅝	28⅝
Armco	4½	4⅝	Grace	38⅝	38⅝	Quaker Oats	58⅝	58
Armstrong	32⅝	31⅝	Greyhound	36⅝	35⅝	Ralston Pur	49⅝	49⅝
Asarco	27⅝	27⅝	Gt Atlantic	35	35⅝	Raychem	30⅝	30⅝
Ashland Oil	30⅝	30⅝	Gt Western	17⅝	17⅝	Raytheon	78⅝	77⅝
AT&T	38	37⅝	GTE	29⅝	29	Reebok	33⅝	33⅝
Atlan Richfld	117⅝	117⅝	Hallbrtn	33⅝	34	Roadway	49⅝	49
Auto DP	32⅝	32⅝	Heinz	39	39	Rockwell	26⅝	26⅝
Avery Denn	21½	21½	Hercules	39⅝	39⅝	Rohm Haas	44¼	44¼
Avon Prod	44⅝	45	Hershey Fd	39	39	Royal Dutch	80⅝	80⅝
Baltimore	30⅝	30⅝	Hewlett Pkd	48⅝	48⅝	Rubbermaid	55⅝	56⅝
Banc One	43⅝	43⅝	Hilton Htl	39⅝	40⅝	Ryndle Mtl	57⅝	58⅝
Bankamerica	40⅝	40	Home Depot	54⅝	53	Safeco	39	39⅝
Bard	24⅝	24⅝	Homestake	15	14⅝	Salomon	21¼	22⅝
Barnett Bk	31⅝	31⅝	Honeywell	53⅝	53	Sant Fe Pac	9⅝	9⅝
Bausch Lmb	46	45⅝	Houston Ind	38⅝	38⅝	Sara Lee	43⅝	43⅝
Baxter Intl	34¼	35¼	Hsehld Intl	59⅝	59⅝	Schecorp	44¼	44¼
Bec Dickin	66⅝	68⅝	Humana	31¼	31¼	Schlumbgr	65⅝	64⅝
Bell Atlan	47⅝	47⅝	IBM	104¼	104¼	Schrg-Plgh	57⅝	57⅝
Bellsouth	49⅝	50⅝	IF&F	82	82¼	Scott Papr	37	37⅝
Bkr Hughes	23⅝	23⅝	Illinois TW	65	64⅝	Seagram	109⅝	109⅝
Black Decker	17	17	Inco	31¼	31¼	Sears Rbk	39⅝	39⅝
Block	63⅝	63¼	Ingsol-Rand	49⅝	49⅝	Secrty Pac	32⅝	32
Bnkrs Tst NY	58⅝	59	Inland Steel	20⅝	21	Shrwn-Wllms	23⅝	23⅝
Boeing	48⅝	48⅝	Intel	41⅝	42⅝	Skyline	14¼	14¼
Boise Casc	24¼	25⅝	Intl Paper	68⅝	67⅝	Snap-on Tls	31¼	31¼
Borden	32¼	32⅝	ITT	58⅝	58⅝	Southern	28⅝	28⅝
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CAI	7⅝	7⅝	Kellogg	105⅝	105⅝	Sun Co	31¼	31¼
Campbell Sp	74⅝	76⅝	Kerr-McGee	41⅝	41⅝	Suntst Bk	35⅝	35¼
Cap Cities	421¼	420⅝	Kimbly-Clrk	91⅝	91¼	Super Valu	25⅝	25⅝
Capital HC	44⅝	45⅝	Knght-Rddr	51	51⅝	SW Bell	56⅝	56⅝
Carolina	48⅝	48⅝	Lilly	83⅝	82⅝	Syntex	43⅝	44⅝
Caterpiller	45⅝	45⅝	Limited	26⅝	26⅝	Sysco	43⅝	43⅝
CBS	155½	154⅝	Ln Brdcstg	70⅝	70⅝	Tandem	12⅝	12½
Central SW	47⅝	47⅝	Lincln Nat	48⅝	49½	Tandy	26⅝	26⅝
Champion	25	24⅝	Litton Ind	88⅝	88⅝	Tele-comm	15½	15½
Chase Man	18⅝	18⅝	Lockheed	40	40⅝	Teledyne	20⅝	20⅝
Chem Bnkg	25⅝	25⅝	Louis-Pac	41⅝	41⅝	Temple-In	46⅝	46⅝
Chevron	72⅝	71⅝	Manu Hano	28⅝	28⅝	Tenneco	38⅝	38⅝
Chrysler	10⅝	10⅝	Marriott	16⅝	16⅝	Texaco	62⅝	62⅝
Chubb	82⅝	83⅝	Marsh Mclen	77⅝	77⅝	Texas Inst	29⅝	29
Cigna	45⅝	45⅝	Martin Mar	52⅝	52⅝	Texas Util	37⅝	37⅝
Citicorp	14⅝	14⅝	Masco	22⅝	22⅝	Textron	34⅝	34⅝
Clbrne Liz	42⅝	41⅝	May Dept	56⅝	56⅝	Time Wrnr	81¼	81¼
Clorox	40	40⅝	Maytag	14	14⅝	Times Mirr	30⅝	29⅝
Crnwlth Edis	40⅝	39⅝	McDnl Doug	57⅝	57⅝	Timken	27⅝	26⅝
CNA Fincl	87⅝	87⅝	McDonalds	33⅝	33⅝	Torchmark	49⅝	50⅝
Coastal	30⅝	30⅝	McGraw-Hill	53⅝	53⅝	Toys R Us	34	34⅝
Coca-Cola	64⅝	65	MCI Com	29⅝	28⅝	Transam	37⅝	37⅝
Colgate-Pal	40⅝	40⅝	Mead	31⅝	31⅝	Travelers	19⅝	19⅝
Columb Gas	17⅝	17⅝	Medtronic	70⅝	70⅝	Tribune	40⅝	41¼
Compaq	31⅝	32¼	Mellon Bk	38⅝	33⅝	TRW	42	42
Conagra	45⅝	46⅝	Melville	47⅝	47⅝	Tyco Lab	38	37⅝
Cons Edis	24⅝	24⅝	Merck	131⅝	132⅝	UAL	129⅝	130
Cons NG	41¼	41¼	Merll Lynch	48⅝	49	Un Camp	44⅝	44⅝
Cons Rail	71⅝	71⅝	Minnesota	89⅝	88	Un Carbide	22	22⅝
Cooper Ind	52	52⅝	Mobil	68⅝	67⅝	Un Pacific	93½	92⅝
Corning	68⅝	69	Monsanto	65⅝	66⅝	Unilever	83⅝	82⅝
CPC Intl	87⅝	87⅝	Moore	23⅝	23⅝	Unisys	n/a	n/a
Crown Cork	91⅝	92	Morgan JP	58⅝	58⅝	Unocal	24⅝	25⅝
CSX	50⅝	49⅝	Motorola	60⅝	61⅝	Upjohn	43⅝	44⅝
Dana	30⅝	31⅝	Nat Medical	22⅝	22	US Life	40⅝	40⅝
Dayton-Hud	72⅝	73⅝	Nat Semi	4⅝	4⅝	US West	37⅝	37⅝
Deere	54⅝	54	Nat Service	23⅝	24⅝	Usair Gp	11	11
Delta Air	64⅝	65	Navistar	2⅝	3	USF&G	7	7
Deluxe	47¼	47⅝	NCNB	36⅝	37⅝	UST	48⅝	48⅝
Detroit Ed	30⅝	30⅝	NCR	108	108	USX Mar	31⅝	31¼
Digital Eq	55¼	55⅝	NED Bncp	42⅝	42	Utd Tech	45⅝	45⅝
Dillard	134⅝	134¼	Newmnt Min	36⅝	36	Utd Telcm	24⅝	24⅝
Disney	111⅝	111	Niagr Mhwk	16⅝	16⅝	VF	35	34
Dominion	50⅝	50⅝	Nike	52⅝	51½	Wal-Mart	49⅝	49½
Donnelley	45⅝	45⅝	NL Indstrs	13⅝	13⅝	Waste Mgmt	38⅝	36⅝
Dover	38⅝	38⅝	Nordstorm	46⅝	46⅝	Wells Fargo	74⅝	74⅝
Dow Chem	53	53	Norflk Sthn	52⅝	51⅝	Westg Elec	22⅝	22⅝
Dow Jones	26⅝	26⅝	Norwest	33⅝	33⅝	Weyerhsr	28⅝	28⅝
Dresser Ind	19⅝	19⅝	Nthn St Pwr	38⅝	38⅝	Whirlpool	37⅝	37⅝
Du Pont	45	45⅝	Nthn Telcm	40	40	Whitman	12⅝	13¼
Duke Pwr	30⅝	30⅝	NY Times	22⅝	22⅝	Winn-Dixie	36⅝	35⅝
Dun Bradst	48	47⅝	Nynex	75⅝	75⅝	Woolworth	29⅝	29½
East Kodak	42⅝	42⅝	Occid Petrl	23⅝	23⅝	Wrigley	62⅝	62⅝
Eaton	63⅝	63⅝	Ohio Edl	19⅝	19⅝	Wrner-Lamb	71⅝	71¼
Emerson El	48⅝	47⅝	Oracle Sys	10⅝	10⅝	Xerox	57⅝	58

STOCK MARKET

Asda falls as cash call speculation escalates

SHARES in **Asda**, the supermarket chain, slipped 6p to 64p amid mounting speculation that the company is about to ask shareholders for urgently needed funds.

Talk in the Square Mile is that the group, now capitalised at only £750 million, has been testing the water among fund managers in the hope of raising an estimated £350 million to reduce borrowings of almost £1 billion. Dealers claim the terms are likely to be two-for-three at 45p and could meet resistance from institutions.

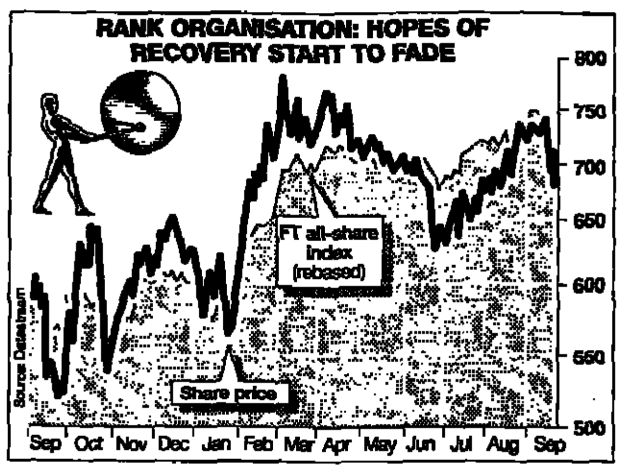
Elsewhere among the food retailers, **Sainsbury** firmed 4p to 355p and **Tesco** 1p to 256p.

The rest of the equity market saw much of last week's speculative froth blown away after the government's reversal in the political opinion polls at the weekend. The FT-SE 100 index closed just above its worst of the day with a loss of 20.8 at 2,579.5. Selling pressure was light, however, as turnover slumped to 349 million shares. The FT index of 30 shares lost 22.3 at 2.106.5.

Arbitrageurs did some of the damage as they started to unwind their positions ahead of the expiry of the September futures on Friday. This coincides with the end of the account and the expiry of the September options. Many of them remain long of stock and short of the future.

Sears, the Freemans mail order to Saxone and Selfridges stores group, rose 4p to 93p on turnover of 8.5 million shares as bid hopes were revived. Weekend reports suggested a bid from **Kingfisher**, its rival, down 4p at 552p.

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, continued to attract support on claims that the company could soon be the target of a bid with another 4.3 million shares traded. The price touched 451p before settling 3p cheaper at 744p.


RANK ORGANISATION: HOPES OF RECOVERY START TO FADE

Hawker Siddeley, the subject of an unwanted £1.5 billion offer from BTR, halved an earlier fall to finish 7p lighter at 771p. The group could be close to raising £100 million from disposals.

Rank Organisation, the leisure group, fell 26p to 677p in the wake of several profit downgradings. Michael Gifford, the chief executive, told analysts visiting the company's American operations that conditions remained difficult and there was no sign of a recovery.

He emphasised that there had been no further deterioration. UBS Phillips & Drew is sticking with a pre-tax profits estimate of £250 million for the current year, but has cut its forecast for 1992 by £30 million to £270 million. Julian Easthope at UBS gave warning that next year's expected recovery could fail to materialise. The quality parts of the business continue to perform strongly.

BT fell 4½p to 390½p after reports that BZW, a joint broker in the government's proposed sale of some or all of its remaining stake in the shares later this year, had published a less than glowing review of prospects, saying BT was not geared to take advantage of the economic recovery.

ECC, the clays and building products group, rose 10p to 468p after weighing in with a better than expected performance. Pre-tax profits were down from £57.2 million to £53.2 million.

BOC Group firmed 2p to 573p, helped by a recommendation. One broker is urging clients to switch out of **Courtaulds**, down 17p at 463p, and into BOC.

Shares in **Lep Group**, the freight forwarding and property group, plunged 50p to 37p after a profits warning. Interim pre-tax profits are expected to slump to £1.9 million (£10.4 million).

Holmes & Marchant, the advertising agency, fell 11p to 88p after warning the market that it was likely to fall 40 per cent short of the pre-tax profit figure of £3.5 million being forecast by analysts. It will still pay the forecast final dividend of 3.3p.

MICHAEL CLARK

County NatWest WoodMac, the stockbroker, has placed Argos, the catalogue retailer, back on its buy list after last week's weakness in the price, which left it down 8.3 per cent. The broker has spoken to the company and says nothing has altered since the interim figures in August. County is sticking with its forecast for the year. The shares responded with a rise of 4p to 308p.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 23	October 4	December 23	January 6

Call options were taken out on: 23/9/91 ASDA, Aviva Pet, Baggeridge Brick, Borthwicks, Blockleys, Cabra Estates, Control Secs, Monarch Res, National Home Loan, National Home Loan Pref, Pilkington, Stalds, Thames TV, Wilshaw.
Put: ASDA.
Put & Call: National Home Loan Pref.

TEMPUS

Sale of assets gives ECC £110m breathing space

ECC Group has moved rapidly with its non-core disposal programme over the past 15 months, completing the task six months ahead of schedule and generating £110 million.

The company can, therefore, take its time in getting rid of surplus land. Meanwhile, it can devote management time to running the rest of the business through the recession.

That the recession still rumbles on is clear from a sharp deterioration in results from ECC's construction materials interests in the first half, which ended on June 30. They are down at the operating level from £20.5 million to £11.3 million. The company as a whole suffered a fall in pretax profits from £57.2 million to £53.2 million.

But strength was evident in ECC's international division, under which the kaolin interests fall, with operating profits and margins usefully higher. There was a £7 million six-months contribution from Georgia Kaolin, taken over in a $340 million deal last December. Another £3.3 million (£800,000) came from land sales, though no such profits are expected in the second half.

Gearing, 36 per cent on June 30, is now about 30 per cent, and should end the year in the high 20s.

But the economic outlook remains difficult, the international paper market is still sluggish, and no early improvement in construction-related interests should be expected.

On the face of it, ECC should boast a pre-tax profits increase to £97 million when full-year results are to hand. However, the honest comparison (after adjusting £32 million of non-recurring exceptional charges taken above the line in 1990) will be with £105 million. Thus 1991 results might be down.

The interim dividend is held at 6.6p a share and, as ECC said in April, there is little reason why the year's total should not be held at 19.6p a share. At 469p, up 11p, the shares have yield support of 5.6 per cent, but on 20 times prospective earnings they are fully valued.

Bryant Group

LAND-BUYING opportunities cited by Bryant Group last October, when it raised £38 million through a rights issue, have taken longer to emerge than the company expected.

As a result, the May year-end found Bryant with the bulk of the proceeds still unspent and gearing of only 5 per cent, ignoring £25.4 million of off-balance-sheet debt. The opportunities are now arriving, however, since the year-end the company has acquired about 1,000 plots to add to its 9,200-unit land bank. But Chris Bryant, the chairman, prudently plans to keep gearing below 25 per cent.

Bryant: low gearing

Some 2,000 plots should be used in this year's building programme, slightly more than the 1,865 homes built in the year reported on. With average selling prices expected to fall from £90,000 to £88,000, the strategy, clearly, is that higher volume will bring profit growth.

Provisions on 1988 land purchases in the south of England have cost a further £8 million which, with £4 million of commercial property provisions, reduced pre-tax profits to £10.3 million and resulted in Bryant's 4.8p total dividend being only partially covered.

At 108p, Bryant's shares are already 31p above last year's issue price and stand on a multiple of over 17, assuming pre-tax profits of £24 million this year. But that multiple will fall as volume picks up. Expensive, but still a core holding.

MAI

SHARES in MAI, the money broking to media group, are suffering from a nasty bout of suspense as the City awaits the outcome of its two television franchise bids.

The shares are languishing at 119p, a 32 per cent discount to the market — harsh treatment for a company which increased its pre-tax profits by £700,000 to £66.3 million for the year to end-June in a recession which has seen many of its competitors collapse.

The market may change its mind after the television franchises are awarded in October. MAI hopes to win a majority stake in the south and south-east of England franchise and a stake in the breakfast station. If it succeeds it will invest £40 million, of its £100 million cash pile, next year to gain a promising new business.

Even if MAI is left in the cold — and it is still regarded as an outsider — the market could soon revise its opinion. Few financial groups have MAI's cash resources. Fewer still have such healthy businesses. Its money-broking division, which increased its profits in the year by 8 per cent to £39.6 million, now claims to be the largest in the world. Even Wagon, the consumer credit business, appears to have escaped the recession relatively unscathed.

Profits of £73 million this year would put the group on a p/e of 8. The shares also carry a 6.2 per cent yield on the 5.5p dividend and are a promising each way bet.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons.	550	102	118	135	5	14	19
(*644)	600	67	85	100	17	26	35
	650	38	60	73	38	48	50
ASDA	60	12	16	19	5	7½	9
(*64)	70	7¼	11	15	11	14	15
	80	3½	8	11	18	19	20
Bass	929	62	-	-	8	-	-
(*978)	977	28	-	-	23	-	-
	1026	10	-	-	57	-	-
Boots	390	31	38	51	2½	9	11
(*415)	420	11	22	33	13	20	25
	460	2½	8	17	48	48	50
Br Airways.	160	27	30	36	1½	4½	7½
(*184)	180	9½	16	23	4	12	14
	200	3	7½	14	18	23	26
BP	300	32	36	40	1	4	7
(*329)	330	8	17	22	7½	15	19
	360	1½	5½	9	34	36	37
Br Steel	120	10	12½	15½	2	5	6½
(*127)	130	4	7	10	6	9½	11
	140	1½	3	6	14	17	18
C & W	500	55	69	-	3	10	-
(*548)	550	16	37	52	15	25	32
	600	4	16	30	55	58	62
CU	460	67	80	-	1½	3	-
(*519)	500	31	49	56	4½	11	20
	550	4½	18	29	32	38	45
Courtauld	420	50	60	73	2	6½	10
(*463)	460	18	33	47	11	17	22
	500	4½	17	27	39	42	44
GKN	330	54	63	69	1½	4½	9
(*382)	360	27	40	48	4	11	19
	390	7	26	30	17	25	35
Grand Met.	800	41	67	80	13	31	40
(*814)	850	14	37	53	41	57	64
	900	4	20	35	85	90	95
ICI	1250	60	109	127	18	38	57
(*1287)	1300	29	77	97	38	59	80
	1350	14	35	74	75	89	109
Kingfisher	500	55	72	85	2½	8	14
(*553)	550	20	39	53	16	27	33
	600	3½	19	31	53	53	55
Ladbroke	249	14	21	27	6	12	16
(*258)	268	5	13	18	18	22	26
	287	1½	7	13	35	37	39
Land Sec	460	80	85	94	1	2½	4½
(*534)	500	42	50	62	3	8	11
	550	7½	18	30	22	30	34
M & S	260	13	21	28	4½	9½	10½
(*267)	280	4½	10½	18	16	20	21
	300	1½	5	10	35	36	37
Sainsbury	326	32	40	-	1½	5	-
(*355)	356	8	20	-	10	14	-
	386	2	7½	-	35	36	-
Shell	460	38	53	58	2½	5½	10
(*493)	500	11	27	33	13	19	26
	550	2	7½	12	60	60	60
Smkl Beech	750	33	59	79	12	25	32
(*762)	800	10	32	50	42	50	55
	850	2	17	32	90	90	92
Storehse	110	7	11	14	5	8	10
(*113)	120	3	6	9	12	15	17
	130	1½	4	6	19	22	23
Trafalgar	211	32	37	-	2	8	-
(*237)	231	15	22	-	7	18	-
	251	6½	12	-	18	31	-
Ultramar	240	8½	16	18½	10	14	19
(*234)	260	3½	8½	11	27	28	33
	280	2	4	5½	47	47	47
Unilever	650	110	-	-	1	-	-
(*753)	700	62	77	-	2	8	-
	750	25	45	60	15	25	30
	800	6	23	35	52	54	57
Utd Bisc	360	38	45	50	2	7	11
(*393)	390	13	26	33	12	17	24
	420	4½	13	19	35	36	42
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	390	70	75	-	2	5	-
(*452)	420	43	52	63	6	12	18
	460	16	28	40	20	28	32
BAT Ind	600	54	72	82	5½	11	17
(*638)	650	21	40	52	26	30	36
	700	7	20	31	69	69	70
	750	2	9	16	119	119	120
BTR	390	25	37	43	7	14	20
(*402)	420	8	22	28	23	30	35
	460	2½	8	13	60	60	62
Br Aero	390	37	51	54	10	16	25
(*420)	420	19	34	38	21	32	40
	460	7	19	23	56	60	67
Br Telecom	360	41	49	57	3½	8	9½
(*391)	390	18	26	37	10½	18	21
	420	6	13½	22	29	35	37

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Cadbury	390	39	52	57	11	16	23
(*412)	420	19	35	40	24	29	35
	460	9	19	24	52	54	56
Guinness	950	95	124	137	7	16	24
(*1030)	1000	57	87	104	20	32	42
	1050	28	58	77	43	55	65
GEC	180	14	18	24	3	5	7
(*190)	200	3½	8	12	14	15	16
	220	1	3½	6	31	32	33
Hanson	200	27	30	32	1	5½	7
(*223)	220	11	16	19½	5½	12½	14
	240	3	7	11	18	27	29
LASMO	300	22	33	35	11	15	19
(*306)	330	8	17	22	30	32	37
	360	4	8	13	58	58	58
Lucas	140	18	20	23	5	8	9½
(*151)	160	5½	8½	13	16	19	20
	180	2	4½	7	35	36	37
P & O	472	40	57	-	7½	14	-
(*496)	519	15	30	38	32	36	43
	566	4	14	21	74	74	75
Pilkington	140	21	24	-	3	7	-
(*156)	160	8½	14	19	11	16	18
	180	3	6½	10	27	30	32
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Prudential	240	23	31	35	3½	6½	9½
(*254)	260	10	19	23	11	13	18
	280	3½	10	13½	26	27	29
Racal Elec	51	9½	11	-	2	3½	-
(*57)	55	5½	-	-	4	-	-
	60	3½	4½	-	5	6	-
RTZ	500	54	70	78	4	11	17½
(*538)	550	19	38	47	22	30	38
	600	5	18	25	65	67	69
Scot New	360	57	62	-	1½	6	-
(*406)	390	30	42	52	7	15	18
	420	13	24	34	21	30	32
Tesco	240	21	-	-	2½	-	-
(*256)	260	9½	18	21	11	13	15
	280	4½	9	13	27	27	28
Thames W.	350	38	45	-	2½	6	-
(*379)	370	21	30	-	7	12	-
	400	7	14	-	24	29	-
Vodafone	300	73	78	-	1	4	-
(*368)	330	45	53	-	3	9	-
	360	22	32	-	12	17	-

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons	460	13	29	41	13	23	27
(*456)	500	3	13	23	44	48	51
	550	1	5	11	94	94	94
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat.	280	17	28	35	1	5	9
(*294)	300	2	15	22	7	13	17½
	330	1	4	9½	36	36	37
Amstrad	45	9	11	13	½	2½	3½
(*53)	50	3½	8	10½	1	4	6
	60	¼	3	5½	8	10	12
Barclays	420	38	52	63	1	5½	12
(*457)	460	4	24	36	7	18	27
	500	½	9	19	47	47	50
Blue Circ	240	18	27	35	1	5½	8
(*255)	260	2½	15	24	7	14	17
	280	1	7	14	27	27	30
Br Gas	240	34	40	43	½	1½	4
(*274)	260	14	23	28	1½	4½	8½
	280	2	11	16	9	11	18
Dixons	240	17	28	36	1	6½	11
(*256)	260	3	17	25	6	15	19
	280	1	9	16	26	27	30
Eurotunnel	460	70	85	105	1	12	20
(*520)	500	30	55	75	4	25	33
	550	2½	30	-	35	44	-
Forte	260	11	18	26	1½	8	11
(*269)	280	1½	8½	16	12	20	22
	300	1	3½	8	32	35	36
Glaxo	1300	89	144	177	1	23	36
(*1383)	1350	40	105	144	5	35	55
	1400	9	75	114	25	58	74
Hawker	550	202	205	212	1	1	2
(*755)	600	152	155	165	1	3	5
	650	102	106	117	2	6	12
Hillsdown	220	34	38	45	1	2	5
(*233)	240	14	23	30	1	7	11
	260	1½	11	18	12	17	20
Lonrho	220	18	28	30	1	5	10
(*237)	240	3	15	18	6	12	20
	260	½	7	9	24	26	34
Midland	220	33	40	47	1	4	6½
(*253)	240	13	26	33	1	9	13
	260	1½	14	22	13	18	24

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Reuter	800	152	175	193	1	6	14
(*931)	850	102	130	155	1	14	26
	900	52	92	120	1	25	40
	950	9	57	89	12	47	62
R-Royce	130	15	20	24	½	3½	6
(*144)	140	5	12½	17½	1½	6	10
	160	1	4½	8½	17	18	22
Sears	80	14	16	19	1	2½	4
(*93)	90	4½	9½	13	3	5½	7½
	100	1½	6	8½	10	12	13
Thorn EMI	700	107	120	129	1	4	7½
(*805)	750	57	77	88	1	10	18
	800	11	40	58	6	28	35
	850	1½	17	35	52	60	61
TSB	130	16	20½	23	1	2	4
(*145)	140	6	13	16	1	4½	7½
	160	1	4½	7	16	16½	18
Wellcome	650	100	110	130	1½	8	15
(*736)	700	50	72	97	1	19	29
	750	7	45	69	12	39	50
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elec	160	29	33	34	1½	3	4½
(*184)	180	12	17	23	5	9½	11
	200	4	8	13	17	21	22
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power	130	31	34	36	½	1½	2½
(*165)	140	21	25	27	½	3	4
	160	2½	12	14	3	8	11
Scot Power	100	15½	19	22	1	1½	3
(*115)	110	6	11	14	1	4	6
	120	1	6	9	6	8	12

FT-SE INDEX (*£2580)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	100	57	17	4	1	½
Oct	127	87	55	33	16	8
Nov	156	119	86	58	40	24
Dec	177	140	110	80	58	41
Jun	285	-	220	-	165	-
Puts						
Sep	4	9	24	68	121	171
Oct	21	34	53	83	120	168
Nov	34	47	68	92	125	168
Dec	46	60	77	106	135	172
Jun	90	-	130	-	172	-

September 23, 1991 Total: 17245 Calls 11414 Puts 5831 FT-SE: Calls 976 Puts 3333
*Underlying security price.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3017.67 (-1.57)*
S&P Composite .... 387.17 (-0.75)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... Closed
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... Closed
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1111.18 (-3.33)
Sydney: AO .... 1562.8 (+0.3)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1614.16 (-1.91)
Paris: CAC .... 496.94 (+1.69)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1250.68 (-8.04)
FT.— "500" .... 1386.16 (-9.28)
FT. Gold Mines .... 159.1 (-0.1)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 96.82 (+0.03)
FT. Govt Secs .... 87.52 (-0.20)
Bargains 27812
SEAQ Volume 349.7m
USM (Datastream) .... 128 96 (-0.09)
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23rd September 1991

The profits of the Schroder Group for the first six months of 1991 were higher than in the same period of the previous year.

The Directors of Schroders Public Limited Company have resolved to pay an interim dividend for the year ending 31st December 1991 of 5p per share (1990 interim: 4p) on the ordinary shares of £1 each and on the non-voting ordinary shares of £1 each.

The dividend will be payable on 7th November 1991 to shareholders on the register on 10th October 1991.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Molins	Industrials L-R	
2	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
3	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Olive Hldgs	Paper,Print,Adv	
5	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
6	UK Land	Property	
7	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
8	BOC	Industrials A-D	
9	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
10	Plaxton Group	Motors,Aircraft	
11	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Allied Text	Textiles	
13	Macro 4	Electricals	
14	Grampian	Leisure	
15	Wassall	Industrials S-Z	
16	Ransomes	Industrials L-R	
17	Wood (SW)	Industrials S-Z	
18	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
19	Mucklow (A&J)	Property	
20	Hanover Druce	Property	
21	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
22	Sainsbury J	Foods	
23	TGH	Industrials S-Z	
24	Western Selection	Electricals	
25	Armour	Industrials A-D	
26	Speyhawk	Property	
27	Transport Dev	Transport	
28	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
29	Drummond	Textiles	
30	Polypipe	Industrials L-R	
31	Domino	Electricals	
32	Buckingham Intl	Leisure	
33	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
34	Cresta	Industrials A-D	
35	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
36	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
37	Jones Stroud	Electricals	
38	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
39	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
40	Hunting	Industrials E-K	
41	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
42	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
357½	247	Nat West	333	338●-5	23.3	6.9	25.4	
512	380	Prudential	475	482●..	32.0	6.7	10.4	
45	24	Rea Bros	32	37●..	0.7	2.0	..	
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	179	182	-5	11.2	6.2	4.5
923	640	Schroders	913	920	+10	18.7	2.0	19.4
413	205	Stand Chart	348	352●-3	14.8	4.2	19.2	
166	124	TSB	144	146●-2	8.5	5.9	11.9	
609	230	Union Disc	253	260	-1	46.7	18.2	10.0
542	314	Warburg SG	535	540	-2	21.3	4.0	18.3
184	108	Do 8% 'A'	180	183●-1	8.0	4.4	..	
58	25	Wells Fargo	42¾		+¼	..	..	..
222	128	Westpac	213	217	..	..	..	..
353	263	Wintrust	275	280●..	12.4	4.4	10.4	

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
665	480	Allied-Lyons	642	645	-3	25.1	3.9	24.3
1004	782	Bass	975	978	-6	44.4	4.5	10.1
175	104	Boddington	159	162	+1	8.0	5.0	12.3
289	173	Bulmer (H P)	257	267	-1	11.1	4.2	18.4
147	105	Burtonwood Brew	109	115	..	5.7	5.2	18.8
245	125	Devenish (JA)	202	210	+1	7.3	3.5	15.2
84	51	Fortune Brewing Gp	81	89	-1			
850	623	Grand Met	812	815●-6	28.3	3.5	14.7	
371	274	Greenall	368	373	..	13.9	3.7	14.3
490	374	Greene King	483	493	..	14.4	3.0	15.8
10⅝	717	Guinness	10¼	10¼	..	25.9	2.5	16.1
11¼	870½	Hardys & Hansons	11	11¼	..	47.8	4.3	13.7
305	225	Highland Dist	283	288	..	6.5	2.3	21.9
270	120	Invergordon Dist	258	261●..	7.3	2.8	21.2	
484	420	Mansfield	480	488	+2	16.1	3.3	13.4
229	185	Marston Thompson	227	230	..	6.0	2.6	18.4
428	357	Matthew Clark	420	430●+1	18.7	4.4	18.1	
335	283	Morland	330	340	+2	8.9	2.7	18.7
11	558	SA Brewing	10	10¼	..			
425	336	Scot & New	405	407	-1	20.0	4.9	11.9
254	174	Vaux Group	221	224	+4	11.8	5.3	11.5
514	409	Whitbread 'A'	480	482	-5	21.7	4.5	12.1
13¼	13	Do 'B'	13	13¼	..	21.7	1.6	33.5
592	369	Wolverhampton & D.	578	585	..	12.9	2.2	18.5
473	380	Young 'A'	465	480	..	17.3	3.7	17.5

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TRANSPORT

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
402	261	Anglian Water	377	381●-5	22.3	6.1	6.3	
395	256	Northumbrian	383	388●..	24.6	6.4	5.7	
380	251	North West	368	371●-4	24.8	6.5	5.9	
368	220	Severn Trent	340	343●-4	22.4	6.6	5.3	
353	221	Southern Water	340	345●-2	23.0	6.9	6.4	
370	238	South West	351	357●-5	26.7	7.5	5.4	
394	259	Thames Water	377	380●-3	23.3	6.1	6.1	
404	260	Welsh Water	379	384●-5	26.0	6.8	4.7	
417	255	Wessex Water	414	420●..	23.6	5.7	7.0	
415	264	Yorkshire Water	405	410●-3	23.6	5.8	7.8	

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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Global Gth Sec	52.41	55.75	+0.02	1.79
Ethical	53.59	57.3¼	+0.13	2.95
High Inc Equity	140.8	149.8c	+0.1	5.69
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Am Inc/Gth	30.29	32.10c	-0.29	2.47
Euro	70.52	74.96	+0.19	0.30
Euro Inc	73.87	77.94●	+0.11	1.57
Exempt	769.1	812.5c	-0.8	5.02
Extra Inc	40.32	43.67●	-0.13	5.88
F/E Emerg Ec	47.38	50.62	-0.51	1.26
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366				
High Inc	357.1	380.3●	-2.2	5.30
Equity Inc	195.8	208.3	-0.8	4.92
High Yield	215.3	229.2	-1.4	4.98
Balanced	569.6	600.2	-4.8	3.34
Am Inc	34.40	36.63●	-0.40	4.18
World Ass Val	32.19	34.29●	-0.18	1.59
Japan	138.2	148.2	-0.1	0.01
Sec of Am	316.8	337.1	-2.6	0.11
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030				
Euro Gth	83.40	89.19	+0.30	1.55
1992 Euro Spc	62.30	66.62	+0.13	1.40
Ind Inc	68.31	73.05	-0.17	2.90
NAm Gth	50.35	53.84	-0.09	1.49
Pacific Gth	72.33	77.34	-0.38	1.98
UK Gth Acc	84.33	90.18●	-0.47	2.48
Do Dist	74.00	79.14●	-0.42	3.17
UK Income	61.94	66.24●	-0.10	6.81
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capital	90.60	97.27●	-0.08	3.38
Euro Gth Inc	93.42	99.85●	+0.30	1.74
Extra Inc	98.92	105.8	-0.20	6.17
General	205.8	219.8●	-0.1	3.88
Gt/Fxd Income	52.99	54.89●	+0.02	9.63
Inc Trust	437.8	468.2	-0.3	5.10
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	67.34	71.25	-0.53	0.40
Am Sm Cos	73.83	78.83	-0.26	0.20
Australia	80.81	86.04	..	1.90
Convertible	47.16	50.43●	-0.04	6.30
East	126.9	135.3	-1.1	1.30
Equity Inc	78.71	83.73	+0.02	5.70
Euro Gth	179.2	190.3	+0.7	2.20
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Exempt	70.62	72.80	..	3.90
German Gth	45.71	48.78	+0.08	1.10
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Jap Gth	156.9	168.0	-0.4	0.00
Jap Sunrise	132.0	140.9	-0.4	0.00
Portfolio	99.23	103.36●	-0.20	3.90
Do Acc	169.6	176.56●	-0.3	3.90
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Do Inc	81.43	87.10c	+1.35	2.71
Global Bond	23.03	24.84	-0.06	6.58
High Yield Acc	42.28	45.19c	-0.07	5.18
Do Inc	33.48	35.81c	-0.06	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	61.82	66.12	-0.29	5.18
Do Inc	43.91	46.96	-0.21	5.18

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Far East	38.47	41.14e	-0.16	0.75
Nth Amer	57.54	61.54s	-0.05	0.57
Global	61.85	65.83	-0.07	0.08
European	60.48	64.69	+0.20	2.81
Japan	93.78	100.3c	+0.24	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.04	53.62	+0.11	2.31
Intl Currency	48.06	50.98c	+0.04	6.85
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	92.61	98.42●	-0.77	0.28
Do Acc	98.48	104.78	-0.82	0.28
European	57.98	61.46●	+0.05	1.32
Do Acc	59.92	63.52●	+0.07	1.32
F East/Gen	47.46	50.49	-0.16	0.00
Do Acc	47.46	50.49	-0.16	0.00
Gardens	221.9	236.1●	-1.1	2.26
Do Acc	242.4	257.9●	-1.2	2.26
Growth	298.8	317.9●	-2.1	2.87
Do Acc	495.6	527.2●	-3.5	2.87
Inc &Gth Inc	331.1	352.3	-0.4	4.97
Do Acc	412.9	439.3	-0.5	4.97
Master Portf	684.09	88.32c	-0.26	2.77
Do Acc	283.42	95.11c	-0.28	2.77
Spec Sits	67.50	71.81	+0.36	2.75
Do Acc	76.02	80.88	+0.40	2.75
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.65	10.98	-0.01	5.52
Do Acc	£11.48	11.84	-0.02	5.52
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-855 5050 Dealings: 071-855 5055				
Amer Index	147.8	157.6	-1.0	2.16
Capital	479.7	511.3c	-2.2	3.64
Euro Index	112.4	119.9	+0.1	1.97
Euro Growth	73.27	78.19	+0.12	1.94
Far East Gth	66.46	70.95	-0.20	1.15
Global Bond	20.28	21.60	-0.08	8.54
Gold Gen $ $	59.08	63.08	-0.55	2.34
Hong Kong	41.49	44.27	-0.35	3.17
Income	454.5	485.0c	-1.7	5.19
Intl Gth	61.58	65.73	-0.24	1.30
Jap Gth	207.9	221.8c	-0.2	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	29.95	31.98	+0.12	0.00
Jap Index	62.39	66.58	-0.05	0.34
N Amer	309.5	330.3	-2.1	1.85
Sing Malay	32.50	34.68	-0.09	0.00
Tiger Index	85.43	91.17●	-1.46	1.33
UK Index	110.1	117.5	-0.4	3.89
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	58.79	62.87	+0.03	1.75
Euro Port	62.67	66.76c	+0.06	0.86
Jap Portf	45.04	47.96	+0.22	0.00
Pacific Portl	60.58	65.15	+0.39	3.08
Portf	60.77	65.00	+0.30	3.10
UK Inc/Gth	59.04	63.47c	+0.35	5.16
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Inv	559.3	562.9●	.	5.13
Fixed Int	139.6	140.3●	.	10.39
Deposit		100.0	.	10.45
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	538.8	539.4c	..	5.36
Acc	£19.44	19.67	..	..
Deposit		100.0	..	10.45
Fixed Int Inc	113.3	113.5c	..	10.21
Do Acc	128.3	128.6●	..	..
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966				
Assets	52.82	55.81s	-0.20	2.90
Beck Int Cp Ac	68.81	65.51c	..	5.39
Friar Hse Inc	174.9	185.3	-2.9	5.17
Friar Hse Cap	214.8	227.6	-1.8	2.69

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Eurofund	33.14	35.04	+0.10	1.14
Exempt Mngd	150.0	155.6a		3.37
Growth/Inc	203.7	216.4●	-2.3	5.20
High Dist	149.6	159.0	-0.7	7.08
Intl	272.6	289.8	-1.6	1.73
Intl Inc	60.99	65.11●	-0.95	0.07
Pacific	35.24	37.44a	-0.37	1.07
Smlr Jap Cos	61.20	65.03	-0.09	0.00
Tokyo	171.0	181.1	-0.3	0.00
Ex Am 2	159.7	164.1a		1.10
Ex Jap 3	111.9	115.0	.	0.43
Ex Smlr Jap 4	520.0	534.3	..	0.09
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Orientl Op Acc	55.97	59.54c	-0.32	1.42
Japanese	53.43	56.84●	-0.09	0.00
UK Balan Inc	101.2	107.7	-0.1	3.24
Do Acc	114.4	121.7	-0.1	3.24
UK Gth Accum	169.4	180.2	+0.1	1.99
UK Hi Inc	119.6	127.2	-0.2	5.47
UK Hi Inc Acc	128.5	136.7	-0.2	5.47
N Amer Acc	78.80	83.94	-0.36	1.09
Euro Acc	107.7	114.6●	-0.3	0.24
UK Pref/FI Inc	56.54	59.97	-0.16	6.01
Do Acc	61.03	65.09	-0.22	6.01
Intl Sp S Acc	42.28	44.86●	+0.02	0.83
Emmrd Opp	57.77	61.46	+0.09	1.31
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7281				
Endurance	148.2	157.6a	.	1.92
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	104.4	109.9	-1.55	4.91
High Inc	111.4	117.3	-0.43	5.97
T Of Inv Ts	113.8	119.8●	+0.50	3.25
Spec Sits	96.85	101.9●	-0.71	4.26
N Am	74.60	78.42●	-0.50	0.98
Far East	169.3	178.2	-0.85	1.26
Intl Gth	74.61	78.85	-0.52	1.84
Euro	56.90	59.89	+0.11	1.99
Smlr Cos	58.05	61.10	..	3.60
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	269.4	286.7	+2.5	3.31
Do Inc	202.6	215.6	+1.8	3.31
Higher Inc Acc	476.1	506.5	+3.5	4.80
Do Inc	315.2	335.4	+2.3	4.80
Gilt/Fxd Acc	141.9	149.4●	-0.5	8.74
Do Inc	81.79	86.10●	-0.23	8.74
N America	175.2	186.4	-4.5	0.00
Far East	222.9	237.2	+0.2	0.31
Europe	202.7	215.7●	+0.4	0.00
Genrl	364.5	387.8●	+2.1	3.44
Genrl Acc	384.1	408.7●	+2.1	3.44
Br Excellence	56.82	60.45	+0.59	2.89
Br Fdmtls Inc	57.96	61.66●	+0.23	6.00
Do Acc	70.13	74.61●	+0.29	6.00
Global Ops	57.11	60.76	-0.51	0.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	161.4	170.7	-1.6	0.00
Cash Unit		132.47 ●	+0.09	10.79
European	95.63	102.7	+0.10	0.00
Gth/Inc	128.9	138.3		5.24
Inc Plus	108.4	114.2●	+1.3	7.14
UK Gth	54.41	58.35●	+0.09	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000				
Euro Income	80.02	84.76●	+0.26	3.88
Far East	114.7	123.2c	-0.5	0.00
O/seas Income	68.74	73.17	-0.23	3.26
UK Growth	69.73	74.58	-0.15	1.72
UK Inc Fund	106.8	113.2	-0.4	5.74
US Smlr Cos	137.3	146.8c	-1.7	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-				

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	68.25	72.69	-0.35	2.86
Do Acc	73.33	78.43	-0.38	2.86
Capitl Income	87.48	93.54	+0.22	2.84
Do Acc	131.4	140.5	+0.3	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	138.0	147.0	+0.5	0.77
Do Acc	171.4	182.5	+0.6	0.77
Extra High Inc	65.93	70.51c	-0.08	7.39
Do Acc	102.4	109.5c	-0.1	7.38
Gt/Fxd Income	51.19	53.31●	-0.13	9.06

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-69, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 081-478 3377 Client Enquiry 081 478-3377				
Holb	23.74	25.39	-0.13	1.71
Holb Cash Hvn		105.98	+0.08	10.91
Holb Equity	584.9	625.3	-3.53	3.04
Holb Eqty Inc	69.25	74.05●	-0.31	4.65
Holb Euro	140.6	150.3	-0.03	1.81

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	304.0	324.5	+1.1	1.29
British Inc	824.0	871.7●	+1.8	3.48
Euro Inc	331.2	352.7c	+1.2	1.48
Jap Inc	114.2	121.3	-0.2	0.00
Pacific	165.3	175.6s	-1.3	2.00
Mngd Cash	97.13	100.0c	+0.03	10.49
Major Ster Inc	101.1	102.1c	+0.06	10.38
PEP	145.0	153.4●	..	3.85
Saints PPP	286.3	302.7	..	0.00
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
US Govt Bond	485.73	85.63		0.00
Challenger	66.43	71.08	+0.06	0.00
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square Swanley BR8 7AG Tel: 0705 396046				
Stockmkt Fnd	54.47	57.94●	-0.48	3.14

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
52	21	West Scotfold	30	35	–	2.7	8.2	41.4
32	7	Wharfdale	11	13	–	–	–	37.5
43	26	Whitney Mackay	40	43●	–	2.7	6.4	7.6
95	50	Wood John D & Co	60	68	–	2.0	3.1	–
38	15	Wld of Leather	33	37	–			
188	121	Wyevale	185	188●	–	6.3	3.4	22.2
66	43	Wyko	50	54●	–	3.7	7.1	11.4
7	1¼	XCL Sundas	2¼	3¼	–	–	–	–
7	5	Xtra-vision	5	9	–	–	–	–
133	118	Young Group	117	122●	–	6.9	5.8	13.4

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14⅛	9¾	Alliance	13⅞	13⅞●	–	54.7	4.0	33.9
180	125	Amer Trust	181	183●	-½	8.3	3.5	44.5
291	212½	Ang & O'seas	280	283	-2	8.2	2.9	42.7
87	67	Anglo Scan Inv Tst	83	85	–	6.0	7.1	16.4
108	90	BZW Conv	101	103●	–	10.3	10.1	11.6
121	77	Bankers	115	117	–	4.3	3.7	38.1
35	25	Independent Inv Co	33	34●	–	0.6	1.8	47.2
119	88¼	Inv Cap	113	116	–	6.7h	5.8	20.2
101	78	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	100	102	–	9.3	9.2	13.4
153¼	130½	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	152½	153½	-½			
183	126	Kleinwort Charter	180	182	–	8.5	4.6	26.4
171	124	Kleinwort O'seas	161	163●	-1	4.3	2.7	45.1
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	115	118●	–	6.1	5.2	22.0
498	325	Law Debenture	484	488●	+1	21.7	4.5	27.6
301	233	Majedie	293	298	–	11.3	3.8	31.8

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 91.1 (day's range 91.0-91.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sep 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2795-3.2884	3.2848-3.2884	⅜-¼pr	⅝-⅜pr
Brussels	59.87-60.17	59.95-60.18	9-5pr	25-7pr
Copenhagen	11.2374-11.2712	11.2473-11.2712	⅝-⅜pr	1⅜-⅝pr
Dublin	1.0900-1.0930	1.0900-1.0910	9-3pr	18-8pr
Frankfurt	2.9134-2.9191	2.9149-2.9177	⅜-¼pr	⅝-⅜pr
Lisbon	249.16-250.77	249.76-250.77	25-82ds	140-200ds
Madrid	182.83-183.70	182.98-183.61	23-30ds	61-88ds
Milan	2175.89-2184.08	2175.89-2178.88	par-2ds	5-7ds
Montreal	1.9672-1.9809	1.9771-1.9809	0.33-0.27pr	0.62-0.50pr
New York	1.7355-1.7445	1.7435-1.7445	0.71-0.70pr	2.04-2.02
Oslo	11.3901-11.4247	11.4007-11.4247	par-⅜ds	⅜-1⅜ds
Paris	9.9118-9.9501	9.9118-9.9262	1⅛-⅝pr	2-1⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6074-10.6487	10.6231-10.6487	½-⅜pr	½-⅜ds
Tokyo	231.89-233.24	231.89-232.19	⅝-⅜pr	2⅛-2pr
Vienna	20.4863-20.5293	20.5001-20.5293	2⅜-1⅞pr	4½-4pr
Zurich	2.5387-2.5452	2.5420-2.5452	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1½pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17255.7-17273.1
Australia dollar	2.1745-2.1777
Bahrain dinar	0.6515-0.6595
Brazil cruzeiro*	773.41-774.39
Cyprus pound	0.8025-0.8125
Finland marka	7.0825-7.1525
Greece drachma	323.15-326.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.5158-13.5254
India rupee	44.80-45.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.499-0.505
Malaysia ringgit	4.7800-4.7879
Mexico peso	5295-5395
New Zealand dollar	2.9658-2.9728
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4775-6.5575
Singapore dollar	2.9418-2.9453
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4099-5.4865
S Africa rand (com)	4.9089-4.9171
U A E dirhem	6.3425-6.4225

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2473-1.2484
Austria	11.76-11.78
Belgium (Com)	34.43-34.47
Canada	1.1338-1.1343
Denmark	6.4450-6.4500
France	5.6900-5.6950
Germany	1.6700-1.6707
Hong Kong	7.7530-7.7540
Ireland	1.5985-1.6000
Italy	1249.5-1250.5
Japan	133.05-133.15
Malaysia	2.7430-2.7440
Netherlands	1.8820-1.8830
Norway	6.5330-6.5380
Portugal	143.50-143.70
Singapore	1.6875-1.6885
Spain	105.10-105.20
Sweden	6.0830-6.0880
Switzerland	1.4555-1.4575

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.138%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10½ Low 9 Week fixed: 10⁹⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 9¹⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 9¹¹⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 9¹³⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10¼-10⁷⁄₃₂	10-9³¹⁄₃₂	9⅞-9²⁷⁄₃₂	9⁹⁄₁₆-9½	
Sterling Money Rates:	10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⁹⁄₁₆	10⁷⁄₁₆-10⅜	10⅜-10¼	10⁹⁄₁₆-10⅛	10³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	10⅝-10⁹⁄₁₆	10½-10⁷⁄₁₆	10⁵⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₃₂	10³⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₃₂	10³⁄₃₂-¹⁄₃₂
(Overnight: open 10⅜, close 9⅝ .					
Local Authority Deps:	10⁹⁄₁₆	n/a	10⁵⁄₁₆	10³⁄₁₆	10⁵⁄₃₂
Sterling CDs:	10⁹⁄₁₆-10½	10⁷⁄₁₆-10⅜	10⁵⁄₁₆-10¼	10³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆	10³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.52-5.47	5.50-5.45	5.50-5.45	5.68-5.63	5.85-5.80
Building Society CDs:	10¹⁹⁄₃₂-¹⁷⁄₃₂	10¹⁵⁄₃₂-¹³⁄₃₂	10¹¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₃₂	10⅛-10⅛	10⅛-10⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5	5½-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⅜	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-4½
Deutschemark:	9⅜-8⅝	9⁵⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⅜-9⅜	9⅜-9¼	8½-7½
French Franc:	9¼-8	9⅜-9⅝	9⅝-9⅜	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9¼-8⅜
Swiss Franc:	8¼-8	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8-7
Yen:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6⅛	6⅜-5⅜

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

(Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $348.90-349.30 **Close:** $349.30-349.80 **High:** $349.40-349.90
Low: $348.35-348.85 **Krugerrand:** $349.00-350.00 (£199.75-200.75)
Sovereigns: Old $82.00-83.00 (£47.00-48.00) New $81.75-82.75 (£46.75-47.75)
Platinum: $355.00 (£203.50) **Silver:** $4.15 (£2.375) **Palladium:** $82.00 (£47.00)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 44875	Sep 91	2605.0	2606.0	2588.0	2589.0	5788
	Dec 91	2650.0	2652.0	2632.5	2633.0	1495
	Mar 92				2669.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 124059	Dec 91	90.12	90.15	90.11	90.13	15206
	Mar 92	90.33	90.39	90.33	90.38	4868
	Jun 92	90.34	90.37	90.34	90.37	2984
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 28468	Dec 91	94.19	94.20	94.18	94.20	1411
	Mar 92	94.24	94.26	94.23	94.26	115
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 127131	Dec 91	90.86	90.86	90.82	90.84	6171
	Mar 92	90.90	90.91	90.89	90.90	3894
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3553	Dec 91	99-04	99-07	98-31	99-06	902
	Mar 92				98-12	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 55826	Sep 91	96-03	96-03	96-03	96-06	101
	Dec 91	96-11	96-12	96-06	96-11	15610
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	99.34	99.40	99.34	99.40	190
	Mar 92				99.55	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 56249	Dec 91	85.23	85.27	85.13	85.15	20565
	Mar 92	85.36	85.41	85.36	85.33	211
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 3834	Dec 91	90.30	90.30	90.29	90.29	231
	Mar 92	90.63	90.65	90.63	90.65	30

COMMODITIES

COCOA

Sep	717-712
Dec	746 BID
Mar	783-782
May	803-801
Jul	823-821
Sep	842-840
Dec	865-863
	Vol: 3833

LONDON FOX COFFEE

Sep	503-500
Nov	526-525
Jan	548-547
Mar	565-564
May	unq
Jul	unq
Sep	unq
	Vol: 2362

SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow

Oct	204.0-02.4
Dec	190.0-84.0
Mar	190.0-88.8
May	189.2-87.8
Aug	192.2-87.8
Oct	195.0-90.2
	Vol: 385

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	117.25	Sep	unq	Oct	134.80
Nov	118.10	Nov	114.25	Dec	137.00
Jan	121.60	Jan	117.90	Feb	140.50
Mar	124.50	Mar	120.40	Apr	141.80
May	127.50	May	122.15	Jun	unq
Vol:	655	Vol:	94	Vol:	15

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 149

	Open	Close
Mar ($/tonne)	unq	135.0
Apr	126.0	126.0
May	unq	140.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.94	101.71	102.68
(+/-)	+2.79	*-5.47	-0.52
Eng/Wales:	81.04	102.68	102.20
(+/-)	+2.70	-5.51	-0.70
(%)	-12.6	-26.5	-44.2
Scotland:	75.42	95.29	106.06
(+/-)	+2.56	-8.83	+0.83
(%)	-55.1	-66.1	-42.7

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Sep	
Open:	unq
Close:	91.0
Oct	
Open:	105.5
Close:	106.0
Nov	
Open:	108.0
Close:	107.5

Volume: 20

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

Crude oil edged higher fearing US reprisals as Iraqi soldiers hold UN team hostage.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.75	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.70	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.60	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.10	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	21.95	+0.20

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	242 (n/c)	246 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	195 (+2)	197 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	198 (+3)	199 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	204 (+3)	205 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	207 (+2)	211 (+3)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Oct	199.50-99.25	Feb	195.50-95.00
Nov	201.25 BID	Mar	188.00 BID
Dec	202.50-02.25	Apr	unq
Jan	200.25-00.00		Vol: 4215

BRENT

Oct	20.75-20.85	Dec	20.50-20.60
Nov	20.60-20.70		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 91	1550	1540	1540
Oct 91	1695	1665	1665
Jan 92	1718	1699	1708
Apr 92	1712	1700	1706

Vol: 199 lots Open interest: 2775
Dry cargo index 1532 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1352.5-1353.0	1342.5-1343.0	570200
Lead (£/tonne)	309.00-310.00	319.00-320.00	41950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1020.5-1021.5	1040.0-1041.0	253875
Tin ($/tonne)	5520.0-5525.0	5590.0-5595.0	4880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1171.0-1172.0	1201.0-1202.0	467475
Nickel ($/tonne):	7400.0-7425.0	7475.0-7495.0	25758

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	Bid	Offer
Oct	135.90	136.20
Dec	138.20	138.40
Mar	136.80	137.00

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Union protests: workers demonstrate against redundancies at Rolls-Royce's helicopter engine factory at Leavesden, Watford, Hertfordshire

Shaping industrial peace

What effect are European rulings having on British labour laws? **Jeremy McMullen** reports on a conference this week

Amid speculation about a general election, 150 specialists in employment law, from both industry and the professions, will meet this week to discuss labour law.

At the Industrial Law Society's annual conference, at Oxford, the theme for debate is "Labour law at a time of change". It is nothing if not topical; the Labour party is committed to repealing some of the past decade's union laws, and to introducing radical rights for individuals that are more comprehensive than ever, for example, in the protection of part-time and short-service workers.

Meanwhile, under the present government, changes are being made. The government is consulting over its green paper to reform industrial relations, or more accurately to continue the reforms of seven acts of Parliament in ten years.

Two aspects of those proposals seem important: days lost through strikes are the lowest since statistics began to be kept, and the closed shop, rendered comatose by the Employment Act 1980, had its life-support system turned off by the 1990 act.

In practice, however, these are less significant: most people lead working lives without being involved in a strike or picketing or a row over whether they may or may not join a trade union.

The driving force for change now is Europe. No aspect of everyday life in the United Kingdom is more affected by the European Community than employment, and EC law is having immediate practical effects on women, retirement, job security and safety.

Take pregnancy. According to the European Court of Justice, to refuse to hire or to dismiss a woman because she is pregnant constitutes sexual discrimination. Pregnancy is a uniquely female condition, so any action against a woman on the ground that she is pregnant is unequal treatment. In the UK, however, it has been decided that dismissal is unlawful only if a man *off sick* for the same time would not have been dismissed.

At the point of hire, an employer is not entitled to refuse to take on a woman who is going to be absent for a few weeks or months for childbirth, although a similar period of absence by a male candidate would also preclude him from the job.

The view of the European Court, and therefore the ultimately prevailing view, is that you do not compare a pregnant woman with a sick man — even with a man off sick for uniquely male and arguably equivalent reasons. Paradoxically, when it comes to money, the comparison *can* be made so that it may be unfair to pay less in maternity pay than in sick pay.

If not all workers get pregnant, most are covered by a pension scheme. The European Court in last year's *Barber* case ruled that pensions must be equalised for men and women. It left the pensions industry in a tizzy over the "temporal effect": that is, exactly from when the ruling takes effect.

The case, brought by a man made redundant, says, on its most generous interpretation, that all people retiring before May 1990 are entitled to equal pension payments, or less generously, that only people retiring after that date have that right.

There are multiple shades in between and the European Court will soon have to say what it meant to say, probably in response to a detailed questionnaire that the trustees of the Coloroll pension scheme want the English courts to refer to the court. Meanwhile, adherents to the first view voice minatory claims that they will go bust; or insist they will have to increase contributions by a huge amount.

The impact of EC employment law transcends grand gestures of mass sackings, wage cuts and national strikes

Then there are the problems that stem from business reorganisations, accompanied sometimes by spectacular crashes. Where disputes arise in a company takeover about whether the seller or the buyer is responsible for the workforce, the EC answer is in favour of protecting employees' rights by making the buyer take over their contracts.

The opposite pressure is partly mercantile, partly public policy. Business interests should be free in the market to buy and sell enterprises without encumbrance, and to exclude from the deal any aspect of the old business.

If the old business is ailing, or is insolvent, public policy dictates that what is salvageable as a going concern should be run by others who can do it better.

They may want to take over with new staff and, more obviously, new management.

The same is true of the privatisation of public sector operations, seen most graphically in this summer's dispute over refuse collection in Liverpool. Where the line is drawn between the competing claims of employee protection and business freedom depends on the application of the broadly protectionist judgments of the European Court to the nature of the operation required.

At present, all that can be said unarguably is that public policy requires that employees, business interests, and the public sector, can be more certain in identifying their respective rights and duties. Much of this area remains opaque.

If these problems of interpretation of EC law and policy have taken a decade to surface, it might be thought that new community directives on health and safety would have a similar gestation period. Not so. From its adoption by the European Council on a majority voting formula in 1990, the framework directive on health and safety has had an impact on every employer's duty of care towards each of its workers.

The standards set by the directive, on, for example, work rotation, planning and supervision, have indirectly become those of UK law by their assimilation into the common law of negligence. And there is more to come, as directives on VDUs, part-time work and dangerous materials are made effective.

Far-reaching changes in working life are no longer being made by the grand gestures of mass sackings and wage cuts, such as Rolls-Royce attempted and withdrew earlier this year, or through national strikes.

The impact of EC employment law transcends all these.

● *The author, a barrister, is the chair of the Industrial Law Society. The society's conference will be held at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, from Friday to Sunday (details 081-850 3725)*

More than a matter for the judges

SO murderers sentenced as the law requires to life imprisonment, and released on licence, can now apply for the judicial review of a decision by the home secretary to revoke the licence — at least, so Mr Justice Popplewell has adjudged. The judgment was on September 3, it was reported on September 10.

This ruling makes nonsense of the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for murder. If judges can decide whether and when a convicted murderer can be at liberty during his life sentence, why should they not have power to fix the sentence after conviction?

What Mr Justice Popplewell was doing by his judgment was in effect to interfere with the exercise of the Royal prerogative in one of its oldest forms. At common law it is for the monarch to decide what clemency should be shown to offenders and on what terms. Releasing convicted murderers on licence is a manifestation of this power, albeit that in modern times the home secretary has been authorised to do so by statute. Until Queen Victoria's accession the prerogative of mercy was exercised by the monarch himself in the Privy Council. Only Queen Victoria's youth led to the responsibility of devolving upon the home secretary. From time to time in the past three centuries it has been found necessary to curb the exercise of the Royal prerogative. However, when there has been such need, Parliament has done the curbing. If the home secretary's decision to withdraw a licence was perverse, as Mr Justice Popplewell is reported as saying it was, should not Parliament take the power away from him and set up some way of dealing with the revocation of licences?

BRIEF

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Anyway, on the facts of the case before Mr Justice Popplewell, opinions may differ as to whether the home secretary's decision was perverse. The decision may have been harsh but it was not seemingly made without reason. The licensee must have known from previous experience that his liberty depended on his good behaviour, yet six days before his licence was to take effect he was arrested driving a car with a fraudulent tax disc and found to be in possession of a small quantity of cannabis.

Ever since 1973, when the Rules of the Supreme Court were amended to make it easier for the High Court to grant the so-called prerogative remedies, the judges have interfered more and more with the exercise of administrative discretion by bodies, particularly government departments and local authorities, exercising public functions.

Two consequences have followed. First, whenever the court gives leave to move for judicial review, which requires no more than making out a prima facie case, action on the decision challenged is in practice stayed until final judgment is given, which may be months later. This does not make for good administration.

Second, these cases soak up judge time with the result that there is a scarcity of High Court judges available to try the more important criminal cases. Prisoners who claim to have been disciplined unfairly by prison governors for breaches of the prison rules are entitled to a remedy. However, does it have to be by way of judicial review, as it is now? In the past, petitioning the home secretary was thought to be adequate.

There is a danger both for the public and the judiciary in too much use being made of judicial review. Interfering with administrative decisions on the ground that they were made unreasonably in areas in which the judge doing so has had no experience is at best unwise and may result in his becoming entangled with politics. In the past judges seem to have appreciated that this was so. Before 1973 the High Court would grant relief against bodies exercising statutory functions only if the applicant could show that he had suffered injury or damage over and above that suffered by the general public. The reasoning for this seems to have been that if Parliament passed acts that harmed the public generally, the remedy lay through the power of the ballot box. The old law did sometimes produce injustices to individuals. There is a danger, however, of overlooking the adage that hard cases make bad law.

Lord Hewart, when Lord Chief Justice, thought the judges were being beset by the executive. Sixty years later the executive may be wondering whether they are under siege by the judges, who perhaps would do well to remember that judicial review is a discretionary remedy.

Judges are so used to deciding whatever is listed before them that they are reluctant to refuse jurisdiction.

Nearly all judges nowadays have come into the law by way of a law degree, whereas 50 or more years ago most would have read the humanities. Before 1939 at Cambridge, reading for the law tripos was thought suitable for those undergraduates who intended to become solicitors but not for those going to the Bar.

A surfeit of law may lead some judges to forget that the law is a tool for the maintenance of the social fabric, not an end in its own right.

● *The author is a former Lord Justice of Appeal*

INNS AND OUTS

Law made child's play

THE cost and complexity of the implementation of the Children Act 1989 could prove to be a major stumbling block for a statute that has otherwise been widely praised.

Local authority legal departments and lawyers in private practice are awaiting changeover day on October 14 with some trepidation.

A set of computer programmes, produced by, among others, Paul Evans, the Gloucestershire assistant county solicitor, promises to make life easier. Showing an awareness of what life can be like for busy childcare lawyers, the programmes can be used in laptop computers.

Lawyers working outside normal office hours will be able to make emergency applications without the help of back-up staff.

Expert exports

DESPITE the recession, the legal profession is helping the export drive. Lawyers increased their overseas earnings last year by 13 per cent, from £350 million to £395 million.

Lawyers made 26 per cent of all invisible earnings by UK consultants. The figures, from the British Invisibles Export Council, show just how much the practice of law has internationalised during the past ten years. In 1980, exports were worth £60m. The biggest jump was in the years between 1985 and 1989, when exports rose from £155million to £350 million.

Patently aware

PATENT agents are flexing their muscles. Under legal reforms, they obtained advocacy rights in the new patents court. With the sealing of a Royal charter last week, a new professional has come into being, the chartered patent attorney.

Meanwhile, the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents is arguing with solicitors Dibb Lupton Broomhead and Prior over the firm's use of the words "patent agency" on its letterhead. The firm was one of the first in the United Kingdom to offer an in-house patent agency service, alongside the existing intellectual property department.

The institute says that only if all the firm's partners are qualified patent agents can it use the term patent agency. Dibb Lupton disagrees. The firm believes that competition is at the heart of the dispute and will fight the institute to the last.

Asylum talks

WHILE the future of legal aid for advice and assistance in immigration and asylum cases hangs in the balance, Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, has agreed to meet organisations that oppose the home secretary's proposals next month.

The organisations, which include the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association, the Law Centres' Federation and the Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture, are all supporters of the Asylum Rights Campaign.

Citizen gain

THE Citizenship Foundation, started in 1989 to promote a better understanding of a citizen's rights and duties, is to develop contacts in former eastern bloc countries through a consultancy.

Andrew Phillips, the foundation solicitor and chairman, says: "There are many teachers and organisations in countries like Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia who are interested in learning from established democracies about different methods of educating for citizenship."

The foundation has translated some of its materials into Russian and they have gone out to various contacts, including the mayor of St Petersburg.

Code reinforced

THE introduction of a code of practice on sexual harassment by the European Community council of ministers last year was widely welcomed. Now the code is to be strengthened by an EC recommendation.

EC member states must take recommendations into account when disputes are settled. The recommendation will bear on whether an employer took reasonable steps to prevent employees doing things that amount to sexual harassment or discrimination.

Finally made it

IN Compton, California, the flags came out the day Maxy Filer passed his bar exam. This was no ordinary graduation. Mr Filer first sat the exam in 1966, but it took him 48 attempts to pass.

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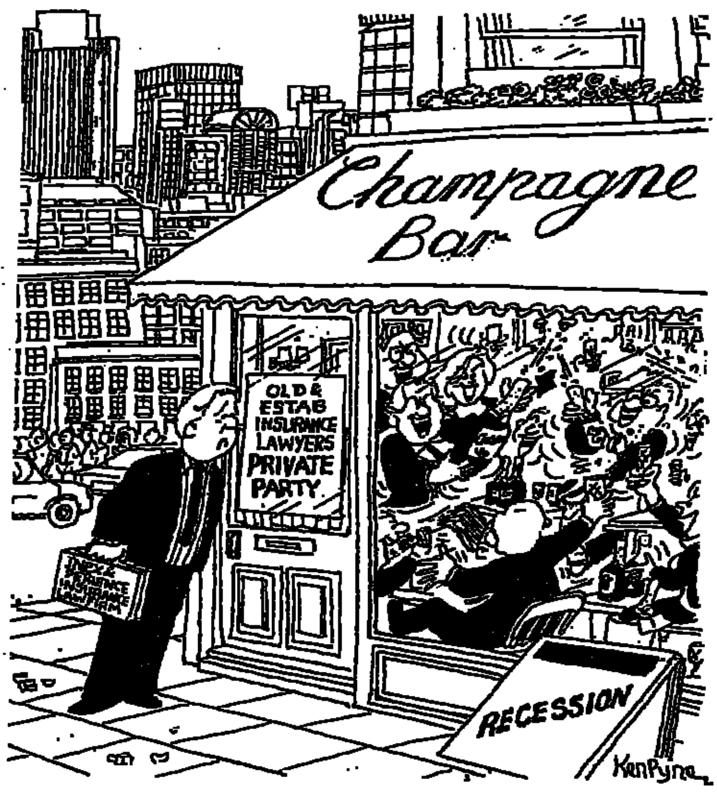
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The misery in the insurance industry will be aggravated this autumn as the disputes at Lloyd's surface in and outside the courts. For the lawyers involved, however, this is nothing but good news and confirmation that insurance work is counter-cyclical; the worse the economy, the more work for insurance lawyers. As one commented: "We thrive on the misfortunes of others."

There is thus a surge of interest in insurance from firms that used to neglect it. In the good times, insurance work tends to be downrated because fees are lower, although it has the advantage of being regular and reliable. So when corporate work is in decline it is not surprising there is a rush towards insurance.

Whether firms without insurance experience can break into the market is another matter. The big names in the insurance field, such as Davies Arnold Cooper, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, and Kennedy's, tend to have strong reputations as insurance specialists. There are several specialist firms such as Fishburn Boxer and Jarvis & Bannister, which also do high-quality work. The result is a magic circle of firms that command great loyalty from clients.

Richard Dedman, of Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, says: "In trying to attract insurance clients, some of the bigger firms are promoting their insurance capability. But publicity is not enough: I think the insurance world would question how much they know about the business."

Insurance work, even more than most areas of practice, depends on personalities and personal contact. There are some strong out-of-London firms, including Hammond Suddards in Leeds and the national firm Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave. All this makes it even harder for inexperienced firms to launch into insurance off the back of a brochure. Nevertheless, it opens the possibility of experienced lawyers breaking off from one of the established practices to set up on their own.

Alan Bannister set up Jarvis & Bannister eight years ago and now acts for ten insurers, including big national companies. Insurance, he says, is one of the few areas left in which lawyers with the right connections can start up on their own and quickly win important clients.

To achieve that, though, it is vital to have a good record and a reputation with one of the established insurance practices and then to be able to take some of those clients into the new partnership.

As Mr Bannister points out, however, the clients, who have always been cost-conscious, are looking to cut their outgoings even further as the number of disputed claims rises. The result is that deals are being struck on volume, so the favoured firms will trade off higher fees in favour of a regular supply of work. And as David McIntosh, of Davies Arnold Cooper, points out, the fact that insurance work produces no bad debts makes it even more attractive at a time of recession. "Unlike some other firms," he says, "we have not been laying off staff, and we know that our clients will pay."

Contrary to the public impression, Mr McIntosh says that insurance companies put a higher value on speed. The way that a lawyer is likely to lose clients is by dragging out proceedings. "Experience shows that the longer a case goes on, the higher is likely to be the award," he explains. "In any case, insurance companies have an interest in knowing where they stand; they do not like uncertainty. If they could get all their cases settled tomorrow, they would."

Most claims are settled out of court, making insurance lawyers increasingly adept at alternative dispute resolution. With this expertise behind it, firms such as Turner Kenneth Brown are trying to strengthen their position in the insurance fields.

However, as Mr McIntosh emphasises, there are some cases in which only the day of reckoning in court will concentrate people's minds sufficiently to reach settlement. He says: "To imagine that insurance claims could be settled without the prospect of going to court would be very naïve."

Help at last for grannies left out in the cold

CARDS and presents will pour through the letterboxes of millions of grandparents' homes in Britain next Saturday.

In only its second year, Grandparents' Day is big business and a valuable source of income for Age Concern, the charity whose idea it was. For many grandparents, however, there is little to celebrate.

Now that one in three marriages ends in divorce, more and more grandparents are being denied access to their grandchildren.

"Many grandparents have built up loving relationships with the children and to deny them access causes enormous distress," says Ronald Fryer, of Children Need Grandparents, a group that advises grandparents who are having problems in seeing their grandchildren. "Suddenly, they lose a large chunk of their lives."

There are no laws dealing specifically with the rights of grandparents. Indeed, there is not even a strict legal definition of a grandparent, although it is usually taken to mean a blood relative, which leaves any step-grandparents out in the cold.

So what legal action can "natural" grandparents take if they are being barred from seeing their grandchildren? If they have fallen out with the parents, assuming the parents are still married, the answer is none. The only solution would be to try to patch up the difference.

When it comes to divorce and separation, the news is more heartening. If the parents are getting divorced or separated, grandparents can apply to a court for access, although only after the parents have initiated proceedings. However, access will be granted only when the divorce is finalised, which can mean a long wait.

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> *Access is denied more often now that so many parents are parting*

Where the parents are not married the situation is more complex. Custody of the children generally goes to the mother and the father has to lodge an application for access before either set of grandparents can apply.

Grandparents can also ask the court for access if one parent dies or both die. For children in care, the decision over who can and cannot see or contact the child lies with the local authority's social workers. In every instance, the child's interest will always be put first. Access orders are usually no problem and typically run until the child is 18.

When the Children Act comes into force on October 14, however, grandparents will have enhanced rights. They will be able to seek party status in care proceedings, and apply for legal aid, which will be means-tested, but there will be no "merits" test.

Outside of care proceedings, however, anybody considering the judicial route should think twice. Apart from the danger of worsening problems between the parents, it can be long and costly. Legal aid is available, but many will not qualify. Then the overstretched courts are unlikely to reach a decision for six months.

There are more practical, less costly options. Hugh McMurray, the legal services head at Europ Assistance, believes that grandparents should adopt a more conciliatory approach.

He says: "They should contact the parents, explain that they do not want to open wounds or stand in judgment on the couple's relationship. They just want to maintain their relationship with the children. They could suggest that they visit the children at the parents' house. "It is a question of trying to allay the parents' anxieties and making it as easy as possible for them."

To mark Grandparents' Day, Europ Assistance is offering free legal advice and counselling over the telephone this Friday and Saturday. The company's lawyers and counsellors will answer any grandparent-related questions. Mr McMurray expects most calls to be about access but also expects enquiries about child abuse. He adds: "In these instances, people should consider very seriously the consequences of their allegations, for both the child and the parents."

With the Children Act, many of the problems Britain's 10 million grandparents face should be eased, particularly when dealing with the children of one-parent families. Meanwhile, commercial considerations aside, Grandparents' Day is a reminder that grandparents also have rights.

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Employment Appeal Tribunal — Law Report September 24 1991 — Chancery Division

Authority to negotiate settlement

Freeman v Sovereign Chicken Ltd

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mrs R. Chapman and Mr J. D. Daly

[Judgment July 25]

The ostensible or implied authority for a Citizens Advice Bureau worker acting on behalf of a claimant before an industrial tribunal to negotiate a settlement with the aid of a conciliation officer was wider than the strict common law position and included all actual and potential issues between the parties arising out of the employment relationship which were known to the parties at the time.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Mrs Dorothy Freeman, from a decision of a Bury St Edmunds industrial tribunal in August 1989 that she was bound by the terms of an agreement signed purportedly on her behalf by a CAB officer and was therefore barred from restoring an application lodged in January 1988 for compensation for unfair dismissal against her employers, Sovereign Chicken Ltd.

Mr Andrew Marsden for the applicant; Miss Cherie Booth for the employers.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that in March 1989 a form of settlement COT3 was signed by a CAB officer on behalf of the employers. The form was headed "Settlement reached as a result of conciliation action" and stated that the undersigned had agreed to pay the applicant an *ex gratia* sum in full and final settlement of all claims arising out of the applicant's employment.

The final sentence provided that: "the applicant understands that the acceptance of this agreement prevents her from making any claim to an industrial tribunal or any other court".

In April, the applicant had issued another originating application and when the employers sought to rely on the settlement she claimed that the agreement had been entered into without her authority.

At an industrial tribunal hearing in July 1989 her letter was treated as an application to restore the January proceedings. The tribunal found in the respondents' favour and the application was dismissed.

Section 140 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 contained restrictions on contracting out of the Act but subsection (2) contained a number of exceptions one of which was an agreement to refrain from proceeding with a complaint where a conciliation officer had taken action.

The first point taken by the employers before the industrial tribunal was that the tribunal could not go behind the COT3 agreement and that the form provided a complete defence.

The industrial tribunal decided that it was not precluded from investigating the authority of the agent signing a COT3 form on behalf of a party. The appeal tribunal agreed but wished to emphasise the importance of bringing litigation to an end and said that where a barrister or solicitor was involved the likelihood of disproving ostensible authority was very slim.

The applicant's main submission was that the last sentence on the COT3 form did not fall within the CAB officer's ostensible authority. That submission was supported by a number of cases which established the well known common law principle that in litigation the ostensible authority of counsel to settle only extended to the issues on the pleadings.

Although that might be the strict common law position, the ostensible authority in cases such as the present was wider and included all actual and potential issues between the parties arising out of the employment relationship and which were known to the parties at the time. The spirit and intention of the parties had to be to wipe the slate clean.

It was, however, clear that, where possible, all those representing parties before or after proceedings had been initiated in an industrial tribunal should ensure that the client had seen and approved the wording of a proposed settlement.

The applicant's representative had conceded rightly that no distinction could be drawn between representation by counsel or a solicitor or by a member of the CAB or by a member of a law centre.

The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Greene & Greene, Bury St Edmunds; Norton Rose.

Developing law to go to trial

Lonrho plc v Tebbit and Another

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment July 26]

Although it was possible to determine a difficult point of law on a striking-out application, it was not appropriate to do so where the point of law was of such a new and developing kind that it could not properly be determined on the bare facts pleaded and would be better determined at trial in the light of the actual facts of the case.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment delivered in open court after a hearing in chambers on a summons by Norman Beresford Tebbit and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for an order that the action brought against them by Lonrho plc be struck out on the ground that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action and/or was an abuse of the process of the court.

Mr John Laws and Mr Laurence Rabinowitz for Mr Tebbit and the DTI; Mr John Beveridge, QC, Sir William Wade, QC and Mr David Pannick for Lonrho.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that a claim should only be struck out in a plain and obvious case. The difficulty arose where, as in the present case, a claim to strike out depended on the decision of one or more difficult points of law.

In such a case, the judge should normally refuse to entertain such a claim to strike out. But if in a particular case the judge was satisfied that the decision of the point of law at that stage would either avoid the necessity for trial altogether or render the trial substantially easier and cheaper, he could properly determine that point of law on the striking-out application: *Williams v Humbert* ([1986] AC 368, 435-6, 441).

In considering whether or not to decide the difficult question of law, the judge could and should take into account whether the point of law was of such a kind that it could properly be determined on the bare facts pleaded or whether it would not be better determined at the trial in the light of the actual facts of the case.

The methodology of English law was to decide cases not by a process of *a priori* reasoning from general principle but by deciding each case on a case-by-case basis from which, in due course, principles might emerge.

Therefore, in a new and developing field of law it was often inappropriate to determine points of law on the assumed, and scanty, facts pleaded in the statement of claim.

The difficult and developing areas of law in the present case were: (i) whether the exercise of powers conferred by Parliament on the secretary of state was justiciable by the courts; (ii) whether the operation of the machinery of the Fair Trading Act 1973 gave rise to a private law duty of care to Lonrho; and (iii) whether there was liability for pure economic loss.

Unless the law was that a minister could never be held liable for a negligent decision in the exercise of a statutory power, even if the making of that decision involved no consideration of competing public interests, the claim to strike out could not succeed.

His Lordship was not prepared to hold, in ignorance of the true facts and in an area of the law well suited for gradual development, that the law conferred such a wide exemption from liability.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens.

Standard of proof

In re a Solicitor

The standard of proof to be applied by a tribunal considering whether to strike off a solicitor should, where what amounted to a criminal offence was alleged, be that required for criminal conviction.

The findings of a tribunal, being *sui generis*, could not be classified as hearsay or opinion under the rules of evidence and a disciplinary tribunal in England could therefore make such use as was proper in the circumstances of the case of the findings of a similar tribunal in another jurisdiction.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Jowett) so held on July 11 when giving judgment for the appellant, a solicitor, in her appeal against the decision of the solicitors disciplinary tribunal which ordered that she be struck off the roll.

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Enterprise takes a bow

Joan Llewelyn Owens meets several young entrepreneurs whose small companies have flourished in spite of the recession

Although many small businesses have had a rough time in the past 18 months, many graduates who started businesses after taking part in the Graduate Enterprise Programme (GEP) are thriving. Some are expanding, while others are marking time and building a solid base for their companies.

Psychology graduate Andrew Wilson undertook enterprise training at Warwick Business School. This year he won the Royal Bank of Scotland's award for "best progress" made by business people taking part in GEP.

At a time when most advertising agencies are short of work, Wilson Associates, of Sutton Coldfield in the West Midlands, has just taken on its tenth member of staff. Andrew and his brother Nigel started their graphics studio in October 1986. Today they own their premises, which houses a computerised, state-of-the-art design studio with four full-time designers.

"We are not going for high-gloss accounts or competing with the Saatchis," Andrew says, "but we have found a niche between them and small graphic design companies. As companies cut advertising budgets, they turn to us. We let the work come in before we expanded to cope with it."

The agency's accounts include Woodpecker Cider, Strongbow LA, Commercial Union, Casa Fina, the University of Warwick and Wickes Building Supplies. They provide anything from television spots and graphics to brochures, posters, point-of-sale material and drip mats.

One of the two runners-up for "best progress" was computer science graduate Neil Ewin, who did his GEP at Cranfield School of Management. In 1985, with three solicitors including his wife, he formed Solicitec — a computer software company supplying computer systems to the legal profession.

Started in Mr Ewin's spare bedroom, Solicitec now has a head office in Leeds and a branch in Fareham, Hampshire. After a first-year turnover of £7,000, Mr Ewin expects it to rise to £700,000 this year.

Until recently their main product has been MOVER, a conveyancing system. Today, out of a total of 49 systems installed, only ten are conveyancing systems. The remainder have been litigation-based, especially debt and uninsured loss-recovery systems.

Andrew Ingleston, another entrepreneur from Cranfield, is not considering further expansion. He started Dockspeed — a Kent-based business that specialises in the transport of refrigerated goods to and from the Continent — in March 1986 with one second-hand vehicle. Now there are ten vehicles and 14 employees, including himself.

This year's turnover is expected to be nearly £1 million, but although the cost of diesel has gone up, he cannot raise his rates and feels he must get more productivity from every vehicle.

Rosemary Eribé, of Galashiels in the Borders, was the second runner-up for "best progress" in 1990. She graduated from the Scottish College of Textiles, joined GEP at Stirling University and then started Eribé Knitwear Design. Cooperating closely with textile mills, she is now working with very fine, 30-gauge fabrics and inserts of machine-made lace.

Today she sells more to Japan (worth £200,000 last year) than to the UK and opened an office there in April. She and her fellow designer, Christine Turner, are "sending out a lot of things for people who had not bought from Scotland before". She also has plans to export to Europe, where market research done on behalf of the Scottish Office reveals that there is tremendous scope.

Asked how she is surviving at a time when retailing is suffering, she answers: "If you are small, you are closer to the customers and much more flexible. If you are very large and a slump occurs, you cannot change direction quickly."

In view of recent business failures, the survival rate of student entrepreneurs has been encouraging. Cranfield reported in 1990 that out of 159 student businesses trained there since 1985, 78 were still trading and had reported profits of just over £1 million and full-time employment for 203 people.

Graduate Enterprise consists of briefing sessions open to all final-year students on campus; business workshops during the Easter vacation — two-day courses to help to develop ideas into an effective business plan; and Enterprise Training based on Graduate Enterprise Regional Centres — three to four weeks of intensive business training, followed by several months of further support and counselling. During this time graduates undertake research and continue to develop their business ideas.

● *Further details: Department of Employment, Business and Enterprise Branch, Room W930, Moorfoot, Sheffield S14 PQ (0742 594474)*

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Design duo: knitwear made by Christine Turner, left, and Rosemary Eribé is selling well in Japan

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Landmark for Shula as Dolphins triumph

By Robert Kirley

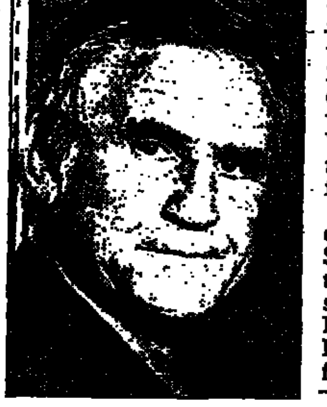
DON Shula gained his 300th victory as a National Football League coach when the Miami Dolphins beat the Green Bay Packers 16-13 on Sunday. Only the late George Halas, the founder of the Chicago Bears, directed more wins, 325. Shula has been a coach for 28 seasons.

Miami gained only 232 yards, but Pete Stoyanovich booted three field goals. Chuck Klingbeil, a reserve nose tackle, contributed by recovering a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

Craig Heyward scored on two eight-yard scampers and Morten Andersen kicked four field goals as the **New Orleans Saints** beat the **Minnesota Vikings** 26-0. The undefeated Saints are off to the best start in club history.

The **Washington Redskins** remained unbeaten as Gerald Riggs scored three touchdowns in a 34-27 win over the hapless **Cincinnati Bengals**. Riggs snapped a 27-27 tie in the fourth quarter with a seven-yard run. Jim McMahon passed for 286 yards and scored on a one-yard run to lead the **Philadelphia Eagles** past the **Pittsburgh Steelers** 23-14. The Eagles, off to their best start in ten years, were helped by Roger Ruzek's field goals of 34, 27 and 20 yards.

Rodney Hampton gained 104 yards and scored a touchdown as the **New York Giants** held off the **Cleveland Browns** 13-10. The teams were led by new coaches who were assistants with New York's Super Bowl winners last January, Ray Handley, of the Giants, and Bill Belichick, of the Browns.



Shula: pursuing Halas

Steve Young hit Jerry Rice with a sensational 62-yard scoring pass to ignite the **San Francisco 49ers** in a 27-10 win over the **Los Angles Rams**. Jim Kelly fired a 29-yard scoring pass to Keith McKeller with five minutes to play as the **Buffalo Bills** beat the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** 17-10.

Hugh Millen completed a 34-yard touchdown pass to Greg McMurtry with six seconds left in his first start, as the **New England Patriots** upset the **Houston Oilers** 24-20. New England beat a team other than Indianapolis for the first time in 21 games. Warren Moon, of Houston, threw scoring tosses of 35 and five yards to Curtis Duncan.

Chris Miller fired touchdown passes of 25 yards to Steve Broussard and 46 yards to Michael Haynes in the second half as the **Atlanta Falcons** upset the **Los Angeles Raiders** 21-17. Miller threw for 242 yards.

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ICE HOCKEY

Devils are still dominant

By Norman De Mesquita

WITH their two wins over Solihull Barons, Cardiff Devils remained the only unbeaten team in the Autumn Cup and confirmed their place in the semi-finals. Sunday was difficult for the Barons, as it could well have been their last appearance at their Hobs Moat Road rink. Subject to British Ice Hockey Association approval, they are to become Sheffield Steelers.

Durham Wasps are also through to the semi-finals, having dominated the Northern group, but the Midland group is wide open with **Nottingham Panthers**, **Humberside Seahawks** and the **Norwich and Peterborough Pirates** all on ten points. The Pirates inflicted the first defeat of the season on the Panthers, winning by the odd goal in 13 and inflict a first defeat of the season on the Panthers.

The Seahawks scored six times in the final period to beat **Billingham Bombers** and maintain their challenge. Next Sunday's game between the Seahawks and the Panthers could well decide this group and should be a thrilling affair.

All three groups in the Autumn Trophy are cut and dried with **Milton Keynes Kings**, **Swindon Wildcats** and **Medway Bears** staying unbeaten and qualifying for the semi-finals.

Kings, however, dropped their first point, away to Trafford Metros, while the Wildcats were pushed all the way by an enthusiastic and hardworking Streatham Redskins side. Ian Woodward had to be at his best in the Swindon goal. The Bears found Lee Valley Lions equally tough opponents and were relieved to win a low scoring game 4-2.

RESULTS: Autumn Cup: Cardiff Devils 7, Solihull Barons 6; Fife Flyers 4, Ayr Raiders 3; Murrayfield Racers 7, Whitley Warriors 10; Nottingham Panthers 9, Billingham Bombers 4; Slough Jets 9, Bracknell Bees 11; Telford Tigers 8, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 10; Billingham Bombers 6, Humberside Seahawks 9; Bracknell Bees 14, Romford Raiders 5; Durham Wasps 9, Ayr Raiders 3; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 7, Nottingham Panthers 6; Solihull Barons 1, Cardiff Devils 3; Whitley Warriors 13 Fife Flyers 4.

Autumn Trophy: Basingstoke Beavers 18, Streatham Redskins 7; Chelmsford Chieftains, 6 Lee Valley Lions 10; Milton Keynes Kings 12, Blackburn Blackhawks 7; Sunderland Indians 8, Trafford Metros 8; Swindon Wildcats 16, Oxford City Stars 1; Blackburn Blackhawks 15, Sunderland Indians 2; Haringey Racers 3, Chelmsford Chieftains 9; Lee Valley Lions 2, Medway Bears 4; Streatham Redskins 5, Swindon Wildcats 7; Trafford Metros 4, Milton Keynes Kings 4.

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The Times analyses an Olympic health hazard

Sailors run the risk of infection from Spanish pollution

By BARRY PICKTHALL

SAILORS who competed in the pre-Olympic yachting regatta off Barcelona in July and the Land Rover Nations Cup in the same waters last week have run the risk of infection from pollution in the area.

This is confirmed in a report commissioned by *The Times* from the Robens Institute of Health and Safety at the University of Surrey, following complaints from competitors and coaches about sewage floating across the courses — and fears that the Olympic yachting next July will be sailed in unhealthy waters. Those fears were expressed again this month during the Nations Cup when large amounts of flotsam, including condoms, were spotted drifting with the currents.

High levels of total coliforms, faecal coliforms and faecal streptococci were found in water samples taken from two areas last Saturday. According to the institute, those organisms present risks to competitors of gastroenteritis, ear, eye and throat infections, salmonellosis, hepatitis A or typhoid.

The samples were among 25 collected in the regatta area over a period of seven hours by myself and an independent observer. The other samples all proved well within the European Comunity guidelines for blue-flag beaches.

One of the problem areas was 300 metres east of a sewer outfall on the 1992 Olympic course for 470 class dinghies; the other was at the entrance to Barcelona Port, a mile upstream of the course which will host the Europe and Finn classes during the Olympics.

Other courses, including the boardsailing area imediately outside the Olympic harbour which was thought to have presented risks, were clear of harmful bacteria, despite the large amount of flotsam, including condoms, found in many areas.

Tests on samples taken from the 470 course showed numbers of faecal streptococci organisms to be ten times above the EC guide levels. According to Ann Storey, a senior microbiologist at the Robens Institute, faecal streptococci are generally more resistant to adverse conditions than coliforms and provide an indication of past contamination.

The greatest area of concern however, is at the harbour entrance to Barcelona Port. Though outside the Olympic area, it is only a mile upstream from an Olympic course, and the currents, running at around two knots during our sampling, carryied a lot of flotsam from the vicinity of the port northwards across the course.

Our first samples, taken in the morning were within the EC guidelines, proving that murkiness alone is no guide to healthiness. However, the samples taken from the same spot seven hours later confirmed the sailors' worst fears. They showed a 1,000-fold increase in the numbers of faecal organisms, well above EC mandatory levels, indicating a massive discharge of sewage between the two samplings. The findings coincided with the sudden emergence of a narrow band of sewage and other flotsam we spotted running north-east across the Nations Cup course an hour earlier.

Ann Storey says in her report on the samples: "The presence of solid faecal matter in the water indicates that the sewage may not be adequately treated, as filtration of solids are part of the initial sewerage treatment. The reason that the main area of the Olympic course is showing levels within the EC guide levels could be due to the prevailing northerly current pushing the contamination along the coast and not out to sea. Also, the volume of water would dilute much of the contamination to acceptable limits."

The Times sent a copy of its report to the Barcelona Olympic Organising Committee (COOB'92) and Pere Miro, the deputy director of sport, admitted that the findings of the Robens Institute do not contradict the results of their own testing.

Miro stated: "COOB'92, together with the city authorities, are working very hard to solve these particular problems. The samples taken in the Bravo course [for the 470 class] is close to an area where heavy public works is in progress. These works should be completed during the first quarter of 1992 and consequently, the waters that today arrive freely will be connected to a transverse pipeline leading to a waste treatment plant on the Besos river. The same applies for the Barcelona harbour entrance."

Miro said that the problems of plastic and other flotsam in the area will be resolved by improved filtration and additional rubbish collecting boats which are to be brought in to clean up the main port.

Mike Evans, the director general of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), admitted that he was relieved by the results of the tests. "From the number of condoms spotted in the waters, I thought the results might have been much worse. Four of the five courses appear clear. The Spanish have since assured us that they intend to solve the sewage problem, as well as clean up the flotsam which could affect individual performances if plastic bags get wrapped around keels and rudders. We will now be monitoring Spanish progress in dealing with the problems very closely."

Dr Frank Newton, chairman of the IYRU's medical advisory panel, said: "The problems of polluted sea water are ones the yachtsmen face around the world, not just at Barcelona. The IYRU is very concerned about it and the issue will be brought up at the annual conference in November."

Cliff Norbury, the British Olympic team manager, was equally relieved. "The results show that in general, the waters do not appear to be quite the health hazard we suspected. However, the Spanish must address the problems of flotsam. We collected half a sack full of plastic during one race in July, when the rubbish in the water proved a deterrent to performance. Cleaning up the port is one thing, but the Olympic waters need to be swept of rubbish as well."

Evans: relieved by the results of water tests

Barcelona survey results

EXPERTS at the Robens Institute were asked to analyse 25 samples taken over a period of seven hours from waters where the Olympic races will be sailed next July.

The sampling was carried out by Barry Pickthall, *The Times* yachting correspondent, and an independent observer, following instructions from Ann Storey, the senior microbiologist at the Institute. Three sets of samples were collected in 100-millilitre sterile containers from various points around the Olympic course. The samples were stored in chemical ice-packs and transported to Britain. They were handed to the Institute within 24 hours of being taken.

The sampling, taken on a Saturday, followed three evenings when there had been heavy rain in Barcelona, which perhaps explains the large amount of street debris found in the waters.

Results are expressed per 100 millilitres of water. Coliforms and streptococci are organisms, the latter being the hardest to eradicate.

European Community guidelines for beaches clean enough to qualify for a blue flag are:

☐ Total coliforms: 500.
☐ Faecal coliforms: 100.
☐ Faecal streptococci: 100.

The EC maximum permissible levels are

☐ Total coliforms: 10,000
☐ Faecal coliforms: 2,000.
☐ Faecal streptococci: no maximum

Conditions for the first round of samples calm

SAMPLE 1 (10.30): Point: main channel of Barcelona Port close to the yacht club marina. Waters extremely murky, with large amounts of flotsam. Total coliforms: 70. Faecal coliforms: 3. Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 2 (10.45). Point: entrance of Barcelona Port. Waters murky with flotsam; small shoal of fish spotted with their mouths above the surface. Total coliforms: 40. Faecal coliforms: 40 Faecal streptococci: 30

SAMPLE 3 (10.55): Point: off entrance to Olympic harbour. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10. Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 4 (11.15). Point: 300 metres offshore, opposite a dry sewer outfall. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10 Faecal coliforms: 10 Faecal streptococci: 1,300. Danger spot.

SAMPLE 5 (11.30): Point: running at about 20 knots east for ten minutes from the fourth sample point, and about 3.5 miles from shore. Water reasonably clear, however, after running eight minutes from the fourth sample point, there was a band of flotsam about 100 metres wide where bags, plastic and condoms were floating on the surface. Total coliforms: <10 Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 6 (11.38): Point: running at about 20 knots south of the fifth sample point for three minutes. Large evidence of leaves, twigs, cigarette butts, condoms, polystyrene, plastic, cartons, wood. Total coliforms: 20. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 7 (11.50): Point: running at about 20 knots south of the sixth sample point for three minutes. Olympic harbour bearing 300° magnetic. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10 Faecal coliforms: <10. Faecal streptococci: <10.

SAMPLE 8 (12.00): Point: running at about 20 knots on bearing 260° magnetic for five minutes; Nations Cup start bearing 300° magnetic. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10 Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 9 (12.17): Point: off breakwater close to Nations Cup start. Waters clear. Total coliforms: 40 Faecal coliforms: 30 Faecal streptococci: 20

Conditions for the second round of samples, wind force one from the south and a slight sea.

SAMPLE 10 (13.37): Point: as sample 3. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10.

SAMPLE 11 (13.45). Point: as sample 4. Waters clear. Readings suggest a discharge from sewers since first sample at 11.15. Total coliforms: 1,800. Faecal coliforms: 1,600 Faecal streptococci: 1,200

SAMPLE 12 (14.00): Point: as sample 5. Small amounts of flotsam; waters were clear after running for eight minutes. A minute further, however, we ran into large amounts of flotsam including plastic cartons and empty drink tins. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: 10. Faecal streptococci: <10.

SAMPLE 13 (14.15): Point: as sample 7. Little flotsam; however, after running for two minutes 30 seconds from the fifth sample point, we encountered plastic, bags, condoms, and several lumps of sewage. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10. Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 14 (14.38): Point: as sample 8. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 15 (14.50): Point: as sample 9. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 16 (15.30): Point: taken 150 metres offshore, 300 metres south of Nations Cup venue. Sudden emergence of a narrow band of sewage running north with the current; many condoms. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: 10

SAMPLE 17 (15.40): Point: as sample 3. Wind force 2 from south; seas moderate — no white horses; waters clear. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10. Faecal streptococci: 20

Conditions for the third round of samples: wind force one, seas moderate

SAMPLE 18 (16.20): Point: as sample 3. Waters clear. Total coliforms: 30 Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: 20.

SAMPLE 19 (16.30): Point: as sample 4. Waters clear. Reduction since 11.15 reading but still dangerous. Total coliforms: 340 Faecal coliforms: 230 Faecal streptococci: 750

SAMPLE 20 (16.45): Point: as sample 5. After running four minutes from the fourth sample point, we encountered a high density of surface flotsam including condoms, leaves and plastic; the waters were clear from then on. Total coliforms: <10 Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10.

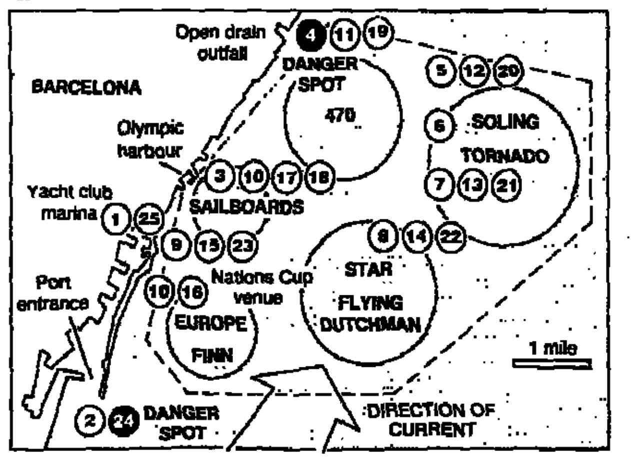
SAMPLE 21 (16.55) Point: as sample 7. Large amounts of leaves, cigarette butts and twigs. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 22 (17.10): Point: as sample 8. Waters clear. Total coliforms: <10. Faecal coliforms: <10 Faecal streptococci: <10.

SAMPLE 23 (17.20): Point: as sample 9. Waters clear. Total coliforms: 50 Faecal coliforms: 30. Faecal streptococci: <10

SAMPLE 24 (17.30): Point: as sample 2. Waters murky with flotsam. 1,000-fold increase since first reading in morning; current sweeping waters towards course at 2 knots. Total coliforms: 1 x 10 to the power 5. Faecal coliforms: 2.9 x 10 to the power 4. Faecal streptococci: 8,750. Danger spot.

SAMPLE 25 (17.40): Point: as sample 1. Waters very murky with large amounts of flotsam. Total coliforms: 360 Faecal coliforms: 340 Faecal streptococci: 30



Ticker-tape farewell: Gary Whetton, left, the New Zealand captain, and Alex Wyllie, coach, on their way to the UK to defend the World Cup

Henderson replaces Brewer in New Zealand's party

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY WORLD CUP

PAUL Henderson will be hoping that his second visit with the All Blacks to Britain does not end as sadly as his first. The Otago flanker, called into New Zealand's rugby union World Cup squad instead of the injured Michael Brewer, was invalided out of the 1989 tour of Wales and Ireland and had to wait until this year to make his international debut in Argentina.

The loss of Brewer, their vice-captain, on the eve of their departure from Auckland to defend the Webb Ellis Trophy next month, is a blow to the All Blacks. He has been capped 17 times, at No. 8 and flanker, and might by now have grown into the national captaincy but for a succession of injuries of which the foot he damaged in Argentina is only the latest.

It will be small comfort that his place goes to a provincial colleague who has himself been affected by injury. Henderson, aged 27, was in outstanding form during the summer but has had to challenge Michael Jones for a place in the national side. At 6ft 1in and 14st 2lb he is a typical New Zealand loose forward but his selection leaves Zinzan Brooke as the only genuine No. 8 — though Jones, Alan Whetton or Andy Earl could fill the vacancy at need.

It is a curious coincidence that both the favourites for the World Cup, New Zealand and Australia, have lost No. 8s, since Tim Gavin was forced last month to withdraw from the Wallabies party with a knee injury. The Australians, who gathered in Sydney yesterday prior to their departure for Britain, have several alternatives to Gavin, including moving John Eales, the Queensland lock, to the back row.

Eales has considerable experience playing No. 8, as have Willie Ofahengaue and Troy Coker, but Gavin's form during the summer confirmed that he will not be easily replaced. Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, made a cautious response when questioned about his side being made favourites to win: "I don't think it's an accurate assessment," he said.

"We think we have got a side that is good enough to win it but we know that being good enough to win, and winning, are not the same thing. We have to play well." The Australian party includes Brian Hopley, a fitness specialist with a degree in sports science and exercise physiology, whose task will be to ensure each player can peak when required.

☐ Rosslyn Park's attempt to recruit Grant Fox, the New Zealand stand-off half, has failed (Peter Bills writes). The London club had hoped he would join them after the World Cup, but he declined, citing family reasons. Although qualification restrictions meant that Fox could not play league matches until February, Park were keen that he should join them and play club games until qualified for their league and cup matches.

However, the player has informed Park officials that his wife no longer wishes to come to England. Fox himself was keen to experience living in London for a few months but his wife's reluctance to travel over with their children has disappointed the club.

Cronin is recalled to face Borderers

By ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND, in the guise of the SRU President's XV, will field virtually their strongest side against Edinburgh Borderers at Murrayfield on Friday.

Tony Stanger and Sean Lineen, who both missed last Saturday's game at Murrayfield against the Anglo-Scots, return at wing and centre respectively. Among the forwards, the only change is at lock where Damian Cronin comes in for Doddie Weir.

Cronin was due to play for the Anglo-Scots but withdrew after developing influenza. Given that Weir has played a number of games recently, Cronin's inclusion does not necessarily mean that he will be preferred to the Melrose player for the key matches in the World Cup. Only three replacements have been named, among them Graham Shiel, whose only warm-up game so far has been against the Barbarians.

Scotland will move to their base in St Andrews on Friday after the match, before travelling to London for the World Cup dinner. They will then return to their Fife retreat to prepare for their opening game in the tournament, against Japan.

The Scottish Rugby Union announced yesterday that 40,000 tickets had already been sold for this match at Murrayfield on October 5. Another 25,000 have already been taken up for Scotland's midweek game against Zimbabwe, again at Murrayfield.

The planned redevelopment of Murrayfield has attracted wide interest from prospective debenture holders. Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, said yesterday that up until last Friday, 20,585 enquiries about debentures had been received, the bulk of these by telephone on the specially installed hot line.

Hogg also confirmed that the venue for the France B v Scotland B match on February 2 would be Albi and that Scotland would play Spain and Ireland on April 4 and 11 respectively, at under-18 level, at venues which had yet to be decided.

SRU PRESIDENT'S XV: A G Hastings (Watsonians), A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), S R P Lineen (Boroughmuir), I Tukalo (Selkirk), C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jedforest); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals, captain), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), A P Burnell (London Scottish), J Jeffrey (Kelso) C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP), D B White (London Scottish). Replacements: A G Shiel (Melrose), G H Oliver (Hawick), K S Milne (Heriot's FP)
Referee: R Megson (Edinburgh)

Frankland named for Northern Division

NEIL Frankland, the Newcastle Gosforth hooker, steps up a level this evening when he plays for the Northern Division in their warm-up match against Leicester at Welford Road this evening (David Hands writes). The division, fielding an experimental XV before nominating their side for next month's championship, called up Frankland after Paul Hackett withdrew with damaged ribs.

David Cleary, the Orrell flanker who also has Irish qualifications, will withdraw because of a broken finger and his place is likely to go to either Sean Gallagher or Matt Greenwood.

Meanwhile Andy Robinson, the England flanker who captains Bath, has been persuaded to lead the South and South-West into the divisional championship, which opens on October 5. Originally Robinson felt that his club commitments were too great.

The Bath pair of Adedayo Adebayo and Phil de Glanville, who were forced to miss the successful outing against Ulster earlier this month, resume against London, the champions.

NORTHERN DIVISION (v Leicester): I Hunter (Northampton); S Bromley (Liverpool St Helens), K Simms (Liverpool St Helens), B Barley (Wakefield), D Cooke (West Hartlepool); G Ainscough (Orrell), D Scully (Wakefield); M Whitcombe (Sale), N Frankland (Newcastle Gosforth), S Peters (Waterloo), J Gallagher (Orrell) or M Greenwood (Nottingham), D Baldwin (Sale), J Howe (West Hartlepool), N Ashurst (Orrell), A Macfarlane (Sale).
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST DIVISION (v London): J Callard (Bath); A Swift (Bath), A Adebayo (Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), P Hull (Bristol); N Matthews (Gloucester), A Maunder (Exeter); C Hocking (Plymouth Albion), K Dunn (Gloucester), R Lee (Bath), P Ashmead (Gloucester), D Sims (Gloucester), J Etheridge (Northampton), A Robinson (Bath), C Barrow (Bristol).

Red faces at Twickenham

By DAVID HANDS

A THOROUGHLY embarrassed Rugby Football Union (RFU) had to redraw the second round of the Pilkington Cup yesterday after the sponsor pointed out that the original draw included one club beaten in the first round on Saturday and another that had been placed in the wrong half of the draw.

With faces as red as an English rose, the RFU — whose president, Peter Yarranton, made the draw live on radio — admitted that the mistake had been made in its own offices. Broughton Park (beaten by Manchester) had been wrongly included and Barkers Butts, the Coventry club who should have been in the North and Midlands section, were drawn in the South and South-West section. Adding salt to the wound of a publicity-conscious union, West Hartlepool were drawn to play in the southern section because of a perceived imbalance in qualifying teams.

"As a member of another union said the other day, the RFU will do anything for publicity and we are proving it," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said as he hastily convened with his president and his marketing manager. "The only thing to do when you are wrong is to admit it. We have egg on our faces but we had to do the draw again."

It is not unknown for other sports to face such an administrative muddle, and the RFU itself has slipped on the odd banana skin, though not to such an extent. When the muddle was resolved, however, Moseley — who shared the cup in 1982 — found their fortunes only slightly improved. Rather than playing their close, and sometimes bitter, rivals from Coventry, they must travel to another second-division club, Sale.

Whether Blackheath would have preferred a trip to the Forest of Dean to play Lydney, rather than rerunning the oldest first-class fixture in the book by playing Richmond is a moot point while those clubs who live nearest to the competition sponsors, Waterloo and Liverpool St Helens, must play each other.

SECOND-ROUND DRAW: North and Midlands: Harrogate v West Hartlepool; Sale v Moseley; Fylde v Winnington Park; Tynedale v Wakefield; Coventry v Stockton; Manchester v Barkers Butts, Wigton v Halifax; Sheffield v Bedford; Waterloo v Liverpool St Helens; Newcastle Gosforth v Morley; Loughborough Students v Headingley. South and South-West: Clifton v Plymouth Albion; Richmond v Blackheath; Cheshunt v Ruislip; Camborne v Reading; Matson v Lydney; High Wycombe v Askeans; Exeter v London Scottish; Combe Down v Thurrock.

A shameful overdose of hype

By HENRY KELLY

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN REVIEW

BY COINCIDENCE, I was discussing with a clutch of former rugby internationals the whole notion of hype and building up pre-contest aggression in sport on Saturday evening, at about the time Michael Watson was fighting for his life on the floor of the ring at White Hart Lane after his boxing match with Chris Eubank.

The men I listened to were once the greats of their game and none played harder. Here were Brown and Cuthbertson, from Scotland; J. P. R. Williams, from Wales; Terry Kennedy, from Ireland, a terrier on the wing, and Englishmen, too, who had graced rugby fields around the world a decade and more ago.

Their conclusions? All sport seems to have gone over the top in pre-match searches for excessive fitness and in the psyching up of men, often young and impressionable men who think sport is more important than even life itself. Yet all last week and almost *ad nauseam* on Saturday on ITV and the cable channel we were treated to a scowling Eubank speaking in such derogatory and denigrating terms of his evening opponent, Watson, that I wondered if it was all some sort of sick joke.

Then one looked at Eubank before the bout; eyes wide, glistening perspiration on forehead and upper lip; nostrils gently opening and closing and head turning almost as if on strings from side to side. I know boxing is a contact sport about fighting. Does it have to have quite such menace?

The atmosphere was not electric, certainly not to television viewers; it was almost sinister. I did not look forward to a boxing contest of skill; I feared for an evening of wincing in my chair.

Yet skilled boxing there was, but the whole event was not to recall evenings of Ali and Cooper, or McGuigan, or Watt, or great names of even the recent past. The contest was called perfectly from start to finish by Jim Watt and with Reg Gutteridge's commentary the television audience was well-served.

In the end, though, I felt, good as the service had been, I would have much preferred not to have sat through this sad spectacle.

If there is to be, again, the debate about boxing let us not cloud it with reference to this particular bout, however terrible the outcome eventually turns out to be. White Hart Lane last Saturday evening was only partly about boxing: the sick bit was over before the first punch was landed. I wonder if the promoters, the fixers, the trainers and the hangers-on are today proud of their pre-match hyping.

Alas! Poor Nigel Mansell! We knew him all season to be trying desperately to win the world championship which many experts feel has now perhaps ultimately eluded him. His race on Sunday in Portugal ended not with a bang of glory but with the daftest whimper you could get: a mechanic's rather than a mechanical fault.

If sport has its frustrations this must be the ultimate: 99 times out of 100 Mansell's work-team can change his wheel in less time than it takes to have a decent blink. Now when it might have mattered to him, they let him down and his flag was black, not chequered. If he fails to catch Senna, and that must be big odds-on now, it will be interesting to see how Mansell deals with his disappointment.

Television sports coverage is, 90 per cent of the time, devoted to sports action. Apart from *Saint and Greavsie* and a few sporting quizzes, led by *A Question of Sport*, that is all that is on offer. But wouldn't you just love it if, for one afternoon, television cameras were allowed to cover, live, the deliberations of the football administrators in this fair land, who are still squabbling over how many teams should be in a Premier League. A question as fascinating as asking how many angels could dance on the point of a needle.

But it would probably show us that, as ordinary football supporters, we would be relieved and not surprised to know that the administrators do not know what is going on either.

Watt: sound analysis

BADMINTON

Butler beats pain to win Canada title

STEVE Butler has won the Canadian Open title, despite travelling to Montreal four days later than planned and competing with tendons in his leg strapped (Richard Eaton writes). The England joint No. 2 won Sunday's final 15-4, 15-12 against the Soviet No. 1, Andrei Antropov, even though the injury Butler received in the Wimbledon Open earlier this month nearly prevented him from playing.

Aged 28, Butler also considered leaving the circuit until a one-year contract with Prince extended his career. However, the Coventry man is renowned for being one of the bravest competitors of all and his victory over Antropov gave him only his second world grand prix title.

England unexpectedly won three titles in Montreal with Gillian Gowers taking two. She and Nick Ponting beat the top seeded Swedes, Par-Gunnar Jonsson and Maria Bengtsson, 15-10, 15-17, 15-6 in the mixed final. Gowers and Sara Sankey saved a match point and came from 10-4 down in the last game of the women's doubles final before beating the Koreans, Bok Seung Kang and Eun Jung Shim, 12-15, 15-12, 17-15.

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Orthorhombus can take Lewis step nearer seasonal goal

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

BEFORE the season began Geoff Lewis struck a bet with Victor Chandler that he would train 40 winners this year. As his previous best tally was 32, he managed to obtain odds of 28-1, at which price he staked £1,500 to win £42,000.

The charismatic Epsom trainer passed that score, achieved in 1988, when Titch Wizard won at Pontefract yesterday and today he is hopeful of taking two more steps towards his goal with **Petite Sonnerie** (2.15 Kempton) and **Orthorhombus** (4.30 Nottingham).

At his best, Orthorhombus will certainly be hard to beat in the Exton Park Median Auction Stakes at the Midlands track. That best amounts to a four-length victory at Sandown in June followed by a narrow defeat at the hands of Barry Hills's well-regarded filly, Well Beyond.

It also includes a close fourth behind Paris House, Harvest Girl and Miss Nosey Parker in the valuable Newbury Sales Super Sprint Trophy.

Lewis believes that the hard race he had there — he was beaten a neck, a head and a neck — contrived to take the shine off Orthorhombus by the time that he ran next at Windsor early in August when he finished fourth behind Fair Crack, Rokeby and Wave Hill. Fair Crack had previously finished a place behind him in the Newbury race.

As a result, Orthorhombus was given a short break to freshen up for today's target and his trainer will be disappointed if he fails to beat Wave Hill this time.

My idea of the day's best bet, though, is **Room With A View**, who is napped to win the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Series Qualifier for Richard Whitaker and Tony Culhane.

Room With A View shaped most impressively on his Doncaster debut ten days ago when sixth to the highly-regarded Balla Jidaal, beaten less than ten lengths. As the other four horses in front of him — Prince Ferdinand, Tamim, Storm Ring and Trove — have won seven races between them, the form looks very solid.

While conceding that Darryll Holland should also have a good ride on Nimble Deer following that heartening first run at Leicester, I still feel that Room With A View boasts the greater scope.

However Nimble Deer fares, Holland should be on the mark with **Princess Moodyshoe** for Martin Pipe in the Nottingham Goose Fair Handicap and **Granbera** for Barry Hills in the Fiskerton Maiden Stakes.

At Kempton, Lewis will be expecting a very good run indeed from Petite Sonnerie in the EBF Duxford Maiden Stakes. Apparently, she has been going really well at home since finishing a close fourth to Niodini at Salisbury.

Also at the Sunbury track, Willie Carson is taken to land a double on **White Witch** (3.15) and **Lucky Lindy** (4.45).

I particularly like Lucky Lindy's chance of winning the EBF Kenley Maiden Stakes, having admired the way that he made Shadayid's half-brother, Badie, pull out all the stops over today's course and distance last time. That form received a boost when the fourth home, Free Flyer, won next time out at Sandown.

Second Set 7-4 to provide Cumani with Ascot repeat

By MICHAEL SEELY

SECOND Set has been installed favourite at 7-4 by Corals as the Sussex Stakes winner attempts to repeat Markofdistinction's 1990 victory for Luca Cumani in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

"I gave him a good rest after Goodwood, as I wanted him fresh, not only for Ascot but also for the Breeders' Cup," said the trainer. "I'm very pleased with him. I suppose Kooyonga is the main danger, but there are several others with good chances."

Kooyonga, widely acclaimed as Europe's champion miling filly, is an 11-4 shot. Corals then go: 6-1 Hector Protector, 7-1 Shadayid, 9-1 Mukaddamah, 14-1 Star Of Gdansk, 20-1 Selkirk, 33-1 bar.

Although Shadayid has retained her form well since winning the 1,000 Guineas, she rather fell from grace when only third to Polar Falcon in the Ladbroke Sprint Cup.

Interestingly, Willie Carson has yet to make his choice between John Dunlop's filly and Mukaddamah, who ran the race of his life when second in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp. "Willie says he hasn't decided yet," Dunlop confirmed at Nottingham yesterday.

Forty Niner Days, the Californian challenger, is expected to arrive at Heathrow at 7.30 this morning and should be at Ascot by 10.30.

Carson: undecided on his big-race ride at Ascot

Lycius has been declared for the Queen Elizabeth but Andre Fabre reported from Chantilly that his consistent miler would miss Ascot and be trained for the Prix de la Foret and the Breeders' Cup Mile.

The French champion trainer said that it had not yet been decided whether Toulon would take his chance in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. But informed opinion is that Toulon will miss the race, leaving Quest for Fame to represent Khaled Abdulla.

Whether he fields his St Leger winner or not, Fabre is looking forward to running Subotica, the French Derby runner-up, who came from behind to beat Pistolet Bleu in the Prix Niel. "I see no reason why we shouldn't beat the second again," Fabre said. "If it came up heavy, he'd have a good each-way chance."

Other Arc news came from John Hammond who said that Suave Dancer would work ten furlongs with two stable companions at Chantilly on Thursday. "They will go right-handed," said the trainer. "He won't need a lot of work because the Irish Champion Stakes will have brought him to his peak."

Hammond added that Polar Falcon, the winner of the Ladbroke Sprint Cup, would miss Saturday's Diadem Stakes at Ascot and go straight for the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Reverting to Ascot, only 22 have accepted for the Krug Trophy. This means that Nibbs Point, Deposki and Barry Hills's Newbury Autumn Cup winner, Talos, are now all certain to run. Nibbs Point and Deposki are joint favourites at 6-1 with Corals, while Talos is a top-priced 10-1 with Ladbrokes.

At Nottingham yesterday, Opera House, one-time favourite for the Derby after winning a Leicester maiden by ten lengths as a two-year-old, made a successful reappearance when coming from behind to beat Aimaam in the Bentinck Graduation Stakes.

"He had a hairline fracture of the off-fore pastern last October, and he's had quite a few niggling problems since," Michael Stoute said. "He did it well today but was a little rusty. We'll probably run him in a listed race at Goodwood on Friday week."

No jockey on Curley horse again

THERE is a significant missing jockey on today's Kempton racecard. Not for the first time this season, Threshfield has no declared rider in the Ring & Brymer Business Friends Handicap (3.45).

Threshfield is trained by Barney Curley, who has already caused reverberations twice this season with his jockey arrangements, or lack of them, for the five-year-old.

When Threshfield won at a Sandown evening meeting in July, Curley made a late switch, replacing an apprentice with John Reid, and Threshfield landed a gamble from 6-1 to 3-1.

Three weeks later no jockey was down in the morning papers when Threshfield reappeared at Pontefract, the announcement that Lester Piggott would ride being made only after the meeting was under way. Piggott duly brought home the 11-10 favourite first.

A spokesman for Curley's Newmarket yard said yesterday that the trainer was "out of the country" and did not expect a jockey arrangement to be made until today.

☐ Divine Danse booked her ticket to the Ciga Prix de l'Abbaye with a smooth one-length success over Danzante in the Prix de Seine-et-Oise at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday. David Murray Smith's Amigo Menor finished fourth.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 54yd) 1, LORD OBERON (L Piggott, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Tea Dust (W Carson, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Replicate (D Holland, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Dickens Lane, 7 Laurel Queen, 12 Matador, 14 Shining Jewel (6th), Cartel, Falcon Flight, Rasan, 16 Lars Porsena, 20 Great Hand, Miss Sarajane (4th), 25 Modest Hope, Running Shadow (5th), Northern Optimist, 50 Trendy Auctioneer, Woodlands Grey, Gina's Choice, L'Acquesiana. 20 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 3½l, 1¼l, ¾l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £2.40, £1.40, £5.50. DF: £5.70. CSF: £14.11.

2.30 (6f 15yd) 1, ALFLORA (T Quinn, 8-11 fav); 2, Brigadierbroughton (W Ryan, 40-1); 3, Royal Prussia (S Cauthen, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 10 Sato City, 33 Blue Dun (6th), Marcus Jack, Tyrone Turbo, 40 Double Lark (5th), 50 Socks And Shares (4th), Well Done Rory. 10 ran. NR: Jigsaw Boy. 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, hd, 7l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.00, £13.40, £2.20. DF: £21.10. CSF: £26.19.

3.00 (6f 15yds) 1, ARABELLAJILL (A McGlone, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Arctic Appeal (T Quinn, 14-1); 3, Sultry Singer (Dale Gibson, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Elanmatina (5th), Little Saboteur (4th), 13-2 Cut The Line, 8 Branston Abby (6th), 10 Pink'n Black, 14 Madam Petoski, 16 Battuta, 20 Aegean Lady, 50 In The Game. 12 ran. 1½l, hd, nk, 3½l, 3½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £5.50, £3.60. DF: £122.80. CSF: £56.39. Tricast: £539.19.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, LONG FURLONG (A Munro, 8-1); 2, Luke's Brave Boy (A McGlone, 14-1); 3, Unassuming (Dean McKeown, 4-1 fav); 4, Broughton Blues (W Ryan, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Midnight Saga, 9 Head Turner, 10 Final Offer, Jewel of The Nile (6th), 14 Total Shambles, 16 Double Merit, Dari Sound, 20 Skip Tracer, Desire's Double, Paquerette, Hubbers Favourite, Lucky Asset, Straw Baby, 25 Classics Pearl, Granny's Girl, Flower of Scotland, Gold Aisling, Charming Reply (5th). 22 ran. NR: Broughton's Gold. 4l, 1l, ½l, 2½l, 1½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £13.30; £3.20, £4.50, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £455.10. CSF: £123.08. Tricast: £488.33. Bought in 4,000gns.

4.00 (1m 54yd) 1, UP ANCHOR (A Munro, 13-8 fav); 2, Taroob (W Carson, 4-1); 3, Crystal Cross (M Hills, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Ratemal (4th), 8 Cappahoosh (5th), 16 Wheeler's Wonder, 25 Chatley Heights, Lady St Lawrence (6th), 33 Whisper's Shadow. 9 ran. 3l, nk, hd, 4l, hd. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £1.40, £4.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.13.

4.30 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, OPERA HOUSE (S Cauthen, 8-11 fav); 2, Aimaam (W Carson, 11-4); 3, Rudimentary (W Ryan, 11-4). 3 ran. 1½l, 12l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.85. NR: Rubdan.

5.00 (2m 9yd) 1, SHOOFE (N Day, 10-1); 2, Caroles Clown (D Toole, 8-1); 3, Stradbally Mount (A Munro, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Cochineal (5th), 5 Derry Reef (4th), Ridge End, 8 Light Dancer (6th), 12 Cost Effective, 14 Billy Lomond, 20 Norfolk Lass, 25 Le Saint Geran, 33 Never Give Up, Red Secret. 13 ran. NR: Malenoir. 5l, 2l, 2l, 10l, 4l. D Morley at Bury St Edmunds. Tote: £13.80; £1.50, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £58.80. CSF: £84.83. Tricast: 483.53.

Placepot: £15.40.

Pontefract

Going: firm (good to firm in places in final 6f)

2.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, SHADOW BIRD (Mr P Pritchard-Gordon, 11-1); 2, Sunset Reins Free (Mr R Wilkinson, 12-1); 3, Brodessa (Mr M Buckley, 11-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Sapphirine, To Be Fair (5th), 8 Roses Have Thorns, Verbarium, 9 Roxy Boy (4th), 11 Mr Wishing Well, 20 Clos Du Bois (6th), 33 Burn Bridge. 11 ran. Hd, 3l, hd, 2½l, 8l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £10.00; £2.20, £3.80, £2.00. DF: £41.40. CSF: £111.93. Tricast: £888.42. After a stewards' enquiry first and second places were reversed.

2.45 (5f) 1, TITCH WIZARD (F Norton, Evens fav: Mandarin's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Miss Siham (B Doyle, 11-2); 3, Lawnswood Prince (K Darley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Choicemusic (5th), 10 High Cost (4th), Cave Road (6th), 14 Round By The River, 25 All The Girls. 8 ran. NR: Fait Accompli. 3l, sh hd, 1½l, 1l, nk. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £5.40. CSF: £7.32.

3.15 (1m 4yd) 1, XAI-TANG (A Garth, 14-1); 2, Chaff (B Crossley, 16-1); 3, Masella (R Hills, 14-1); 4, Eliza Wooding (A Tucker, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Dust d'Throne (6th), 13-2 Manse Key Gold, 7 Robins Return, 15-2 Gant Bleu, 10 Kagram Queen, Mary From Dunlow, 14 Bell Turret, 20 Cuban Swinger (5th), Station Express, 33 Green's Motion, Lady Violet, Galaxy Glow, Lauravala, 50 Lazy Hill. 18 ran. NR: Va Utu, Economy Express, Pareva, Diamond Singh. 1l, 2½l, sh hd, ¾l, 2l. K White at Aston Munslow. Tote: £13.90; £3.10, £3.10, £3.80, £2.00. DF: £171.50. CSF: £210.91. Tricast: £2912.44. Winner bought in for 5,600gns.

3.45 (1m 4yd) 1, KING OF CHANCE (Paul Burke, 3-1 fav); 2, Golden Chip (J Fortune, 12-1); 3, Tyrian Purple (M Humphries, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Riviera Rainbow, 11-2 Jurz, Peru (6th), 7 Tendresse (4th), 10 St Patrick's Day (ur), 14 Rival Bid (5th). 9 ran. 1½l, 1l, 2l, 4l, 3l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £5.10; £2.10, £3.80, £3.10. DF: £48.40. CSF: £33.87. Tricast: £446.82.

4.15 (5f) 1, PRECENTOR (R Hills, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Seamere (J Lowe, 11-2 jt-fav); 3, On The Edge (Alex Greaves, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Able Jet, 8 Fivesevenfiveo (6th), Here Comes A Star, 9 Kiveton Komet (4th), 11 Saint Navarro, 14 Hansom Lad, Jive Music, 20 Hinari Hi Fi (5th). 11 ran. NR: Ankara's Princess. 2l, hd, 1l, ¾l, ¾l. J Bethell at Chilton. Tote: £5.10; £2.30, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £9.60. CSF: £32.68. Tricast: £193.89.

4.45 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, NEGATORY (K Fallon, 66-1); 2, Kijafa (J Fortune, 7-2); 3, Old Steine (R Hills, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Amyntas (4th), 9-4 Amphigory (5th), 100 Cardea Castle (6th). 6 ran. Sh hd, 10l, 15l, 2½l, 20l. M Chapman at Market Rasen. Tote: £50.90; £6.90, £1.80. DF: £51.10. CSF: £239.94.

5.15 (6f) 1, BIG LEAP (A Cruz, 5-2 fav); 2, Big Hand (N Connorton, 3-1); 3, Peace Formula (G Hind, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Northern Graduate (6th), 5 Express Gift (4th), 7 Richer Spirit, 10 Great Show, 14 Mahzooz (5th). 8 ran. NR: Najeb. 1l, 7l, 1l, 8l, 4l. M Moubarak at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £1.60, £4.20. DF: £3.40. CSF: £10.96.

Placepot: £568.20.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm (firm patches on round course)

1.50 (1m 1f 149yd) Snow Blizzard (G Baxter, 50-1); 2, May Square (9-2); 3, First Avenue (5-2 fav). 11 ran. NR: Abingdon Flyer, Peraskia. 1½l, sh hd. S Dow. Tote: £31.20; £4.90, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £147.80. CSF: £230.76. Tricast: £710.20.

2.20 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Quinta Royale (R Cochrane, 15-8 fav); 2, Shannon Express (9-2); 3, Walk This Way (16-1). 15 ran. Sh hd, 5l. R Akehurst. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £1.20, £4.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.05. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

2.50 (1m 4f) 1, Do The Right Thing (M Roberts, 3-1); 2, Sifton's Pride (4-6 fav); 3, Island Desert (9-1). 5 ran. 5l, 5l. A Stewart. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.97.

3.20 (6f) 1, Afif (Paul Eddery, 7-2); 2, Sylvan (8-1); 3, Phyliel (30-100 fav). 3 ran. 5l, 1l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £3.70. DF: £4.80. CSF: £14.73.

3.50 (6f) 1, Zeboim (Kim McDonnell, 5-1); 2, My Ruby Ring (9-1); 3, Chillboy (4-1 fav). 14 ran. 1½l, 2l. W Muir. Tote: £6.00; £2.60, £3.10, £2.40. DF: £45.70. CSF: £47.64. Tricast: £184.83.

4.20 (1m 7f 92yd) 1, Moot Point (Amanda Harwood, 5-1); 2, Basket Hero (100-30); 3, Fight To Win (7-2). Inkala 13-8 fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 2l. G Harwood. Tote: £5.40; £1.10, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £30.30. CSF: £22.47.

Placepot: £68.00.

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2.15 Petite Sonnerie.
2.45 Farat.
3.15 White Witch.
3.45 Threshfield.
4.15 Tara's Delight.
4.45 Lucky Lindy.

THUNDERER
2.15 Petite Sonnerie.
2.45 Sailor Boy.
3.15 White Witch.
3.45 WESTERN WOLF (nap).
4.15 Mahong.
4.45 Lucky Lindy.

RICHARD EVANS
2.45 MASTER FOODBROKER (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Al Shaqrah. 4.45 Wrets.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 EBF DUXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,784: 6f) (17 runners)

1	(1)	000	CASUAL FLING 61 (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	T Williams	74
2	(3)	54	GOLD JUBILEE 67 (BF) (E Benfield) P Makin 8-11	A Munro	86
3	(12)	0	JUCEA 16 (A Campbell) D Arbuthnot 8-11	J Fortune	—
4	(8)	08	LAUNDRY MAID 19 (C Trotter) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	81
5	(2)	235	MAINLY ME 29 (Mrs A Sutton) Mrs J Cecil 8-11	M Roberts	● 99
6	(13)	0	PERSIAN SONG 19 (Mrs R Peacock) R Hannon 8-11	S Whitworth	—
7	(15)	6664	PETITE SONNERIE 19 (D Barker) G Lewis 8-11	T Quinn	98
8	(4)	0	ROBERTO'S GAL 67 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-11	W R Swinburn	83
9	(14)		ABBEY STRAND (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-8	Pat Eddery	—
10	(7)		BEAR WITH ME (Mrs T Stopford-Sackville) M Bell 8-8	M Hills	—
11	(9)		CASHMIRIANA (Lord Vestey) Miss H Knight 8-8	A Tucker (5)	—
12	(17)		ENAYA (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-8	W Carson	—
13	(11)		GHURRAH (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-8	J Williams	—
14	(5)		MABONNE (C Southgate) J Dunlop 8-8	B Rouse	—
15	(16)		NEVER DOUBT (J Springer) R Hannon 8-8	S Raymont	—
16	(10)		SARUK (Mrs M Bryce-Smith) D Elsworth 8-8	L Dettori	—
17	(6)		TAMASHA (Mrs M Chaworth Musters) J Shaw 8-8	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 11-4 Abbey Strand, 7-2 Ghurrah, 9-2 Petite Sonnerie, 6-1 Mabonne, 8-1 Mainly Me, 10-1 others.

1990: SHARPTHORNE 8-11 S Cauthen (7-2 jt-fav) R Charlton 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLD JUBILEE staying-on 1¾l 4th to Walk In The Park at Newbury (6f, good). MAINLY ME 3¾l 5th to Ruhr at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). PETITE SONNERIE 2l 4th to Niodini at Salisbury (7f, good to firm), with LAUNDRY MAID 13l 6th and PERSIAN SONG 11th.

ROBERTO'S GAL never-dangerous 14l 8th of 9 to Mystery Play at Newmarket (7f, good).

ABBEY STRAND (foaled May 21), half-sister by Shadeed to 6f-1m 2f winner Church Parade and smart stayer Castle Rising. BEAR WITH ME (Apr 11, cost 28,000gns), half-sister by Ahonoora to French 1m 2f winner Chrysoline. GHURRAH (Mar 2), by Sharpo out of a half-sister to Royal Lodge Stakes winner Reach. MABONNE (May 24), by King of Spain out of a dam who won over 5f as a juvenile. SARUK (Apr 9), Tate Gallery half-sister to 1m 6f winner Crimson Sunset.

Selection: MAINLY ME

2.45 KONE LIFTS HANDICAP (£4,133: 1m 6f) (14 runners)

1	(1)	353305	HIGH BEACON 20 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 4-10-0	Georgina Frost (7)	98
2	(8)	031520-	BUONARROTI 370 (D,G) (Spaceage Plastics Ltd) J Old 4-10-0	R Fox	80
3	(4)	111404	STAR PLAYER 32 (BF,F,G) (P Smith) J Baker 5-9-9	R Cochrane	92
4	(7)	14	MASTER FOODBROKER 11 (C,G) (Food Brokers Ltd) D Elsworth 3-8-12	J Williams	92
5	(9)	321120	ROSGILL 24 (C,F,S) (Brigadier Racing) P Mitchell 5-8-11	W R Swinburn	94
6	(13)	51330-0	FOLK DANCE 7 (C,F,G,S) (B R B Plc) G Balding 9-8-11	W Newnes	90
7	(11)	300-640	NATIVE MAGIC 12 (F,S) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 5-8-9	W Carson	● 99
8	(5)	544135	JINGA 24 (D,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 6-8-9	T Quinn	98
9	(3)	4-233	FARAT 11 (BF) (Lady Swaythling) J Dunlop 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	92
10	(2)	53106	GOIN AND GROWIN 17 (F) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 3-8-5	L Dettori	88
11	(12)	222	AL SHAQRAH 68 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-4	M Roberts	85
12	(14)	169014	SPRINGS WELCOME 29 (F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-8-3	T McLaughlin (7)	96
13	(6)	332-054	KELTIE 80 (B) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 3-8-1	G Baxter	88
14	(10)	0-05453	SAILOR BOY 8 (F) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 5-8-0	A Munro	94

BETTING: 4-1 Sailor Boy, 9-2 Goin And Growin, 6-1 Al Shaqrah, Farat, 8-1 Jinga, 10-1 Star Player, 12-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HIGH BEACON 1½l 3rd to Kimbers at Chepstow (1m 4f, good) in July. STAR PLAYER never-nearer 15l 4th to Ilgan at Newmarket (1m 7f, good), with SAILOR BOY 12l 5th. Better judged on when 2¾l 4th to Cabochon at Royal Ascot (2m 4f, good) in June. MASTER FOODBROKER 3½l 4th to Pharmineux at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). ROSGILL 3l 2nd to Beau Quest at Warwick (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. NATIVE MAGIC 5l 4th to Witness Box at York (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with HIGH BEACON 10l 6th. JINGA staying-on 10¾l 5th to Barrish at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm), with ROSGILL 8¾l 8th. Beat Lady Westgate neck at Chepstow (2m, good) in July. FARAT 2¾l 3rd to Lift And Load at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). GOIN AND GROWIN 4¾l 6th of 18 to Taj Victory here (1m 4f, good). AL SHAQRAH head 2nd to Pripet in a maiden at Catterick (2m, firm). Makes handicap debut. SPRINGS WELCOME 3l 4th to Paris of Troy in a claimer at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm).

Selection: FARAT

3.15 PRIX HIPPODROME D'EVRY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £2,448: 1m) (11 runners)

1	(8)		CONTESSA (G Leigh) G Harwood 8-11	R Cochrane	—
2	(4)	0	HYMNE D'AMOUR 31 (Lord Chelsea) Miss H Knight 8-11	A Tucker (5)	87
3	(3)		KALAMIS (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	A Munro	—
4	(9)	056	PERFIDY 12 (B) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	73
5	(5)	3040	PIPE OPENER 7 (Dr P Doherty) R Hannon 8-11	S Whitworth	94
6	(1)	2	RISHA FLOWER 24 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery	96
7	(7)	3	SINGING NELLY 18 (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	90
8	(11)		VERIGA (Mrs S Taylor) J Gosden 8-11	G Hind	—
9	(6)	020	WHITE WITCH 122 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	W Carson	● 99
10	(2)	03	ZANDORA 60 (G Wright) C Brittain 8-11	L Dettori	88
11	(10)	5-353	ZARISSA 26 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11	W R Swinburn	77

BETTING: 9-4 Risha Flower, 100-30 White Witch, 4-1 Contessa, 6-1 Perfidy, 8-1 Singing Nelly, 10-1 others.

1990: KATES CABIN 8-11 A Munro (11-4 fav) G Wragg 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERFIDY never-dangerous 11½l 6th to Wasaif at Folkestone (7f, firm). PIPE OPENER hampered 2f out when 9½l 8th of 10 to Carousella in a handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm). RISHA FLOWER 2l 2nd to subsequent winner Percy's Girl at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). WHITE WITCH, disappointing last time out, sound claims on previous neck 2nd to Mom of Song at Chester (7f 122yd, good). ZANDORA 7½l 3rd to Yasmeen Valley at Yarmouth (6f, good). ZARISSA 3¾l 3rd to Maheuf at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). SINGING NELLY 5½l 3rd to Long Knives at Haydock (7f, good to firm). CONTESSA, Blushing Groom half-sister to French 1m 1f winner Phar Feather and Irish 1m 2f winner Limber Dancer. KALAMIS, Kalaglow half-sister to the stable's 1m 2f-1m 4f winner Jehol. VERIGA, Mr Prospector half-sister to French 1m 2f winner Zahy and Irish 1m winner Division.

Selection: WHITE WITCH

3.45 RING & BRYMER BUSINESS FRIENDS HANDICAP (£4,016: 7f) (18 runners)

1	(1)	1140-61	AITCH N'BEE 45 (D,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-9-13	L Dettori	90
2	(4)	002354	SPORTING SIMON 19 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 6-9-9	G Bardwell	91
3	(5)	010014	SKIPPER TO BILGE 98 (D,BF,G,S) (Crescent (UK) Ltd) M Jarvis 4-9-9	W Carson	90
4	(18)	114030	BERNSTEIN BETTE 19 (F,G,S) (M Tanner) P Felgate 5-9-8	R Cochrane	91
5	(16)	001011	THRESHFIELD 48 (D,F) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-9-7	—	91
6	(10)	001246	SAAFEND 12 (F) (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 3-9-6	M Roberts	91
7	(14)	0-40665	DON'T GIVE UP 7 (B,F) (S Squires) R Bennett 3-9-1	J Williams	94
8	(8)	60-0060	WESTERN WOLF 17 (D,F,S) (R Allen) W Carter 6-8-13	S Whitworth	96
9	(11)	436050	LA BELLE VIE 10 (D,BF,F,G) (R Lawson) J Baker 5-8-13	R Price (5)	94
10	(13)	6061-	CLEAR COMEDY 292 (J Sassarath Partnership) R Hannon 3-8-12	Mark Denaro (7)	80
11	(15)	533005	PETTICOAT POWER 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Brogan/Kearney) Mrs B Waring 5-8-11	N Howe	95
12	(3)	002094	PROFIT A PRENDRE 3 (D,F,G,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 7-8-10	W Newnes	91
13	(12)	346061	CEE-EN-CEE 8 (V,CD,F,G) (A Martin) M McCourt 7-8-10 (6ex)	T Quinn	● 98
14	(6)	031305	KIMBERLEY PARK 7 (D,G) (G Mills) D Arbuthnot 3-8-8	J Fortune	92
15	(2)	600064	LOOTING 47 (CD,F,G,S) (B Fry) M Usher 5-8-8	B Rouse	86
16	(17)	01/3600-	ANATROCCOLO 368 (D) (C Horgan) C Horgan 4-8-8	A Munro	81
17	(9)	006350	IN A WHIRL 39 (F) (M Hill) N Callaghan 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	87
18	(7)	2014U0	KATHS CHOICE 8 (D,G) (Corncharm Ltd) H Collingridge 3-7-13	Dale Gibson	87

● The trainer states that Profit A Prendre will only run if there is heavy overnight rain

BETTING: 7-2 Threshfield, 4-1 Aitch N'Bee, 6-1 Saafend, Skipper To Bilge, 8-1 Cee-En-Cee, 10-1 others.

1990: CEE-EN-CEE 6-8-4 A Tucker (12-1) M McCourt 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

AITCH N'BEE beat Cee-Jay-Ay ½l at Newmarket (1m, good). SPORTING SIMON 3l 4th to Takenhall at York (7f, good to firm), with BERNSTEIN BETTE (2lb better off) 14l 15th. Previously, ¼l 3rd to Bold Habit at Goodwood (7f, good), with CEE-EN-CEE (4lb worse off) 1½l 4th. SKIPPER TO BILGE beat Highest Praise a short head in a claimer at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good). THRESHFIELD beat Spurned a head at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). Previously, beat Dancing Sensation 2l at Sandown (1m, good to firm), with PETTICOAT POWER (17lb better off) ¾l 3rd. SAAFEND 1½l 2nd to Venus Observed at Newmarket (1m, good). LA BELLE VIE 2l 3rd to Well Furnished, here (1m, good), with PETTICOAT POWER (1lb better off) 1½l 5th and WESTERN WOLF (2lb better off) 2¾l 7th. CLEAR COMEDY beat Penando a short head at Lingfield (AW, 6f, standard). PROFIT A PRENDRE 6¾l 4th to Double Entendre at Ayr (1m, soft). CEE-EN-CEE beat Precentor 4l at Bath (5f, firm).

Selection: SPORTING SIMON

4.15 HENDON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,952: 1m 1f) (20 runners)

1	(2)	2/1256/	MONTE BRE 729 (G) (G Beccle) R Akehurst 5-8-7	L Carter (7)	—
2	(1)	6011/	PRISCILLIAN 164J (F) (J Sage) J Old 7-8-7	R Fox	—
3	(3)	41-1	STATAJACK 237 (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 3-8-11	J Williams	95
4	(12)	003203	CHEW IT OVER 14 (C Wright) C Smith 3-8-8	S Whitworth	89
5	(10)	050356	FINAL ACE 10 (F) (J Pointon) Miss S Wilton 4-8-8	L Dettori	82
6	(6)	02-0000	ARISTOCRATIC PETER 17 (B) (A Elliott) D Jermy 4-8-7	G Bardwell	73
7	(19)	04	DI STEFANO 11 (M Gordon) G Harwood 3-8-6	R Cochrane	83
8	(14)	015050	DURNELTOR 10 (G,S) (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 3-8-6	W Carson	96
9	(7)	06-4005	KORACLE BAY 17 (F) (J Stimpson) C Wall 4-8-6	T Wilson (7)	95
10	(8)	52-1006	MAHONG 14 (R Hunter) J Hills 3-8-6	M Hills	92
11	(4)	061040	NIGHT TRANSACTION 46 (B,F) (A Hide) A Hide 4-8-6	K Rutter (7)	80
12	(13)	043020	LADY LACEY 57 (F) (Mrs K Panin) G Balding 4-8-5	W Newnes	87
13	(20)	20-3200	MILLY BLACK 57 (Mrs S Page) I Balding 3-8-4	B Rouse	93
14	(11)	0-30114	TARA'S DELIGHT 17 (D,F,G) (W Dixon) M Ryan 4-8-3	D Biggs (5)	96
15	(17)	001020	ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 29 (BF) (Autonorque Ltd) R Akehurst 3-8-2	T Quinn	84
16	(16)	160035	SLICK CHERRY 17 (F,G) (H Rockmapp) D Elsworth 4-8-2	Dale Gibson	● 99
17	(18)	611-004	FLUIDITY 48 (R Eamer) J Gosden 3-8-1	G Hind	98
18	(9)	324600	NO COMEBACKS 17 (D Wilson) R Williams 3-8-1	A Munro	87
19	(15)	4-54632	THUNDER BUG 15 (Muttar Salem) B Hanbury 3-7-13	M Roberts	95
20	(5)	010660	BEAU DADA 46 (B,F,G) (J Clarke) J White 3-7-12	T Sprake	93

BETTING: 11-4 Statajack, 7-2 Di Stefano, 4-1 Tara's Delight, 6-1 Absolutely Right, 8-1 Thunder Bug, 10-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

STATAJACK beat Honing Stone 1½l at Southwell (AW, 1m, standard) in January. CHEW IT OVER 1½l 3rd to Unanimous at Leicester (1m, good to firm). FINAL ACE 2½l 3rd to Bronze Runner in a seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with ABSOLUTELY RIGHT (8lb worse off) 12½l 7th. DI STEFANO 6½l 4th to subsequent winner Pentridge at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). KORACLE BAY 1l 3rd to Balladina Bay in an apprentice handicap, over course and distance (good), with TARA'S GIRL (2lb better off) 2l 4th, SLICK CHERRY (2lb better off) ¾l 5th and ARISTOCRATIC PETER tailed-off 19th. TARA'S GIRL beat Yankee Flyer ¾l for former of two victories at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good to firm), with FINAL ACE (1lb worse off) 1½l 3rd. LADY LACEY ¾l 2nd to El Dominio in a handicap at Salisbury (1m, good). FLUIDITY 5½l 4th to Modesto, here (1m 2f, good to soft) last month, with SLICK CHERRY (3lb worse off) 6½l 9th. THUNDER BUG neck 2nd to Halhafah at Hamilton (1m, firm).

Selection: TARA'S GIRL

4.45 EBF KENLEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,595: 1m) (16 runners)

1	(13)	0	AL RAMIS 18 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0	G Crealock	76
2	(14)	000	ERLEMO 14 (D Turner) C Benstead 9-0	B Rouse	61
3	(8)	42	LUCKY LINDY 18 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0	W Carson	● 99
4	(2)	0	MASTER REACH 19 (P Gorman) R Hannon 9-0	S Raymont	—
5	(10)	0	PISONE GAIO 10 (G Mazza) J Dunlop 9-0	R Cochrane	—
6	(15)	5	PUBLIC APPEAL 99 (BF) (F Jenkins) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
7	(3)	6	SHREWD PARTNER 13 (Y Alozawa) D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	77
8	(9)	0	YENOORA 22 (Mrs J Lewis) P Cole 9-0	S Horsfall	—
9	(12)		LAST CONQUEST (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	A Munro	—
10	(4)		MYSTERY LAD (Gallagher Contractors Ltd) N Callaghan 8-11	W Newnes	—
11	(1)		NASSEER (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts	—
12	(5)		PAPER KNIFE (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 8-11	B Procter	—
13	(6)		SIR VIDAR (Y Birol) M Bell 8-11	M Hills	—
14	(11)		SOUTH SEA (R Shannon) L Cumani 8-11	L Dettori	—
15	(7)		WRETS (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
16	(16)	00	CLASSICAL CHARMER 19 (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 8-8	G Baxter	77

BETTING: 2-1 Lucky Lindy, 3-1 Wrets, 4-1 Last Conquest, 6-1 Paper Knife, 8-1 South Sea, 10-1 others.

1990: MISS SIMPLICITY 8-9 J Williams (13-2) D Elsworth 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

AL RAMIS 10l 7th to Alnasr Alwasheek, here (7f, good to firm). LUCKY LINDY ½l 2nd to Badie, here (7f, good to firm). PUBLIC APPEAL 7½l 5th to Reel of Tulloch at Wolverhampton (7f, good). SHREWD PARTNER 9¾l 6th to Ezzoud at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). YENOORA 18l 9th to King's Loch at Nottingham (1m 50yd, good to firm). LAST CONQUEST (foaled Apr 11), by Slip Anchor out of 5f-7f winner Migiyas. NASSEER (Mar 4), half-brother by Top Ville to two 5f winning juveniles. PAPER KNIFE (Feb 11, cost 92,000gns), half-brother by Sure Blade to smart 6f-1m winner Redden Burn. SIR VIDAR (Feb 17, 58,000gns), half-brother by Caerleon to dual 1m 2f winner Theatrical Charmer. SOUTH SEA (Apr 22, 16,000gns), half-brother by Dunbeath to July Stakes winner Always Valiant.

Selection: LUCKY LINDY (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Stoute	22	75	29.3	Pat Eddery	49	213	23.0
B Hills	15	65	23.1	A Munro	14	72	19.4
L Cumani	10	48	20.8	R Cochrane	22	137	16.1
R Charlton	5	26	19.2	W Carson	31	215	14.4
G Wragg	7	37	18.9	W R Swinburn	22	156	14.1
B Hanbury	7	41	17.1	M Roberts	17	145	11.7

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN
2.00 Up The Punjab.
2.30 Princess Moodyshoe.
3.00 Providence.
3.30 ROOM WITH A VIEW (nap).
4.00 Granbera.
4.30 Orthorhombus.
5.00 Red Poppy.

THUNDERER
2.00 Up The Punjab.
2.30 Princess Moodyshoe.
3.00 Ameer Dalham.
3.30 Room With A View.
4.00 Sir Tasker.
4.30 Wave Hill.
5.00 Long Lane Lady.

RICHARD EVANS
2.30 Princess Moodyshoe.
5.00 Lambada Girl.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 MERTON MILL (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 UP THE PUNJAB.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F 15YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 SIBTHORPE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,239: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1	(9)	24263	ASKELON 19 (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 8-11	S Cauthen	84
2	(19)	5564	DARA MELODY 14 (B) (Mrs F Patten) J FitzGerald 8-11	B Raymond	86
3	(2)	006	FLASH BID 17 (J Abell) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	—
4	(3)	60300	MAGNETIC PRINCE 29 (Mrs G Levy) G Blum 8-11	J Weaver (7)	81
5	(6)		PRE PAINT (R Jenkinson) Miss L Siddall 8-11	N Carlisle	—
6	(1)	000	ROBSLAD 17 (B) (K Foster) Mrs S Austin 8-11	K Fallon	—
7	(12)	06	TOMKINS REEF 17 (J Bottomley) J Bottomley 8-11	Paul Burke	71
8	(8)	604412	VICTOR ROMEO 17 (BF,C,F) (Mrs J Hopper) W Pearce 8-11	D Nicholls	89
9	(7)	0050	WILMOTTS 18 (B) (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 8-11	L Charnock	75
10	(15)	330	DREAM ISLAND 25 (BF) (F Salman) Sir Mark Prescott 8-6	G Duffield	79
11	(16)	656612	HASTY SHUFFLE 6 (F) (C Stalling) C Nelson 8-6	F Norton (5)	91
12	(10)	00040	HONEY VISION 7 (Mrs J Pears) G Eden 8-6	J Quinn	91
13	(18)	40	LADY OF SARDINIA 42 (E Landi) J Payne 8-6	A Cruz	87
14	(5)	0450	LADY RANDOLPH 33 (Randolph House Ltd) I Campbell 8-6	M Tebbutt	67
15	(20)	000	LATBALLY 6 (B) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-6	S Maloney (5)	—
16	(17)	050	OFFSPRING 46 (J D'Cruz) N Chamberlain 8-6	R P Elliott	67
17	(11)	00	RESA GIRL 28 (Alwoodley Racing) J Wainwright 8-6	A Mackay	—
18	(4)	56100	SO BEGUILING 8 (F) (W Patterson) C Nelson 8-6	J Reid	82
19	(14)	236412	UP THE PUNJAB 8 (D,F) (S Dow) S Dow 8-6	G Carter	● 99
20	(13)	5040	WHAT'S SHE LIKE 45 (P Fitzgerald) M Tompkins 8-6	R Hills	—

BETTING: 7-2 Up The Punjab, 11-2 Hasty Shuffle, 9-1 Askelon, Victor Romeo, 12-1 Dara Melody, 14-1 others

1990: TIMBILYN 2-8-11 S Whitworth (8-1) M Francis 19 ran

2.30 NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR HANDICAP (£2,637: 1m 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

1	(12)	361112	MERTON MILL 42 (BF,CD,F,G) (Lord Clinton) D Morley 4-10-0	B Raymond	88
2	(4)	4052-11	PRINCESS MOODYSHOE 10 (F) (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 3-9-7	D Holland	91
3	(17)	125530	WELSHMAN 7 (CD,S) (B Oxton) M Blanshard 5-9-3	J Reid	91
4	(6)	03-0	SHENTIT 139 (F Stronach) J Dunlop 3-8-13	G Duffield	84
5	(1)	503354	LINK MARKET 40 (CD,F) (P Flavin) M Ryan 5-8-10	G Carter	93
6	(8)	00003	ANTICO NATIVO 14 (R Cross) S Dow 3-8-10	L Piggott	98
7	(10)	043060	WINGS OF FREEDOM 14 (G) (P Savill) G Lewis 3-8-9	K Darley	95
8	(15)	5-00534	SEARCHING STAR 57 (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 3-8-9	W Ryan	89
9	(9)	0-2300	TV PITCH 57 (W Rosenthal) N Graham 3-8-8	Dean McKeown	96
10	(2)	00-0350	PINISI 61 (R Pitman) K Burke 6-8-5	A Culhane	91
11	(3)	406000	DODGER DICKINS 14 (CD,F) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-7-13	N Carlisle	94
12	(8)	101400	MEDIA STAR 38 (D,F,G) (T Kersey) T Kersey 6-7-9	J Lowe	● 99
13	(11)	044000	TROJAN ENVOY 38 (D Khan) W Carter 3-7-7	J Quinn	97
14	(14)	502003	WOTAMONA 22 (J Knowles) B Palling 3-7-7	N Adams	92
15	(16)	000060	IN THE FRAME 14 (B) (R Parsons) G Eden 3-7-7	A Mackay	89
16	(13)	0-30003	NAN'S BOY 29 (R Gurr) R Holder 3-7-7	C Hawksley (7)	83
17	(7)	0-40006	SATIN LOVER 92 (Larabuild Contractors) R Akehurst 3-7-7	F Norton (5)	96

Long handicap: In The Frame 7-4, Nan's Boy 7-1, Satin Lover 6-11

BETTING: 100-30 Princess Moodyshoe, 7-1 Link Market, 8-1 Antico Nativo, 10-1 Merton Mill, 12-1 others.

1990: CABOCHON 3-8-13 W Newnes (8-1) D Morley 16 ran

3.00 HAWTHORNE PRINTERS NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,079: 1m 54yds) (17 runners)

1	15)	215	PROVIDENCE 11 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-7	F Norton (5)	96
2	(1)	232	KEEP IN MIND 27 (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 9-2	J Reid	91
3	(10)	41453	DANCING BEAU 7 (G) (L Lazarus) Mrs L Piggott 9-2	L Piggott	94
4	(5)	230	AMEER DALHAM 25 (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) Major W Hern 8-11	S Cauthen	97
5	(6)	200	BENEFACT 15 (M Peters) D Arbuthnot 8-8	G Duffield	88
6	(2)	001	STAR OF ALBION 17 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-6	W Ryan	85
7	(17)	0442	ROSA WHY 17 (J Sung) W Jarvis 8-3	D Holland	95
8	(9)	606410	COOL SOCIETY 25 (D,F) (J Mitchell) C Nelson 8-3	G Carter	● 99
9	(13)	14555	DON'T LEAVE ME 24 (G) (D Barker) G Lewis 8-2	Paul Eddery	94
10	(4)	060	ELSHARH 17 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-1	R Hills	87
11	(3)	3030	ERINY 29 (T Beecroft) S Norton 8-1	L Charnock	97
12	(16)	06036	APPLE 54 (J Orbell) W Holden 8-0	—	92
13	(12)	004	REGAL PASSION 42 (B) (P Savill) M H Easterby 7-11	J Lowe	84
14	(7)	0554	WISE MOVE 5 (B) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 7-9	J Quinn	96
15	(14)	00404	COPY LANE 43 (L Hamilton) M Channon 7-9	B Doyle (5)	88
16	(8)	000	SALMON DANCER 29 (A Cull) M Barraclough 7-7	N Carlisle	—
17	(11)	000	MRS NORMAN 81 (H Norman) P Felgate 7-7	NON-RUNNER	—

Long handicap: Mrs Norman 6-11

BETTING: 9-2 Providence, 6-1 Cool Society, 8-1 Dancing Beau, 10-1 Don't Leave Me, Ameer Dalham, 12-1 others.

1990: MAGICAL DREAM 2-7-11 D Holland (14-1) J Etherington 20 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	25	76	32.9	D Harrison	3	8	37.5
M Stoute	18	56	32.1	S Cauthen	32	128	25.0
Lord Huntingdon	3	12	25.0	N Connorton	3	24	12.5
R Bastiman	4	17	23.5	R P Elliott	3	24	12.5
W Hern	6	30	20.0	G Carter	16	152	10.5
P Walwyn	10	51	19.6	J Reid	12	114	10.5

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £2,931: 6f 15yd) (23 runners)

1	(22)		LORD NEPTUNE (B Miller) M Jarvis 8-12	Paul Eddery	—
2	(20)	00	SOVEREIGN ROCK 71 (BF) (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-11	B Raymond	—
3	(13)	0	RASCO 27 (Lady Matthews) J Etherington 8-9	N Connorton	—
4	(19)	6	ROOM WITH A VIEW 10 (W Jackson) R Whitaker 8-9	A Culhane	95
5	(21)	0	ALL EARZ 18 (E Addiebo) M Johnston 8-8	J Carroll	85
6	(1)	050	PEERAGE PRINCE 14 (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 8-8	G Forster (7)	86
7	(2)	00	SUPER SUMMIT 14 (D Maden) J Pearce 8-8	Dean McKeown	86
8	(4)	00	YATOO 129 (Miss A Stalder) R Hannon 8-8	R Perham (5)	—
9	(6)	06	DIGGER DOYLE 14 (P Doyle) C Allen 8-7	G Carter	86
10	(23)	4	FEN DANCE 54 (D Ahier) P Makin 8-7	J Reid	93
11	(12)	0	HEMSWORTH LAD 28 (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 8-7	N Carlisle	—
12	(17)	064	NOBBY BARNES 14 (Mrs R Armstrong) R Armstrong 8-7	L Piggott	91
13	(16)	05	SEA CLOUD 19 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-7	F Norton (5)	89
14	(11)	0520	BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 10 (Mrs R Triefus) P Mitchell 8-6	A Clark	95
15	(3)		GRAND FELLOW (Miss G Fairhurst) J Bethell 8-6	R Hills	—
16	(10)	0000	ENTITLEMENT 64 (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-5	—	—
17	(5)		WASHINGTON RED (M Barraclough) M Barraclough 8-5	J Quinn	—
18	(18)	6	VIRGINIA DANCER 28 (A Parker) J Edwards 8-3	K Darley	—
19	(14)	552006	PENNY DROPS 10 (S Sharp) Pat Mitchell 8-2	S O'Gorman (3)	● 99
20	(9)	60	SAFARI PARK 4 (R Bethell) B Rothwell 8-2	J Lowe	80
21	(15)	2	NIMBLE DEER 14 (G Greenwood) B Hills 8-1	D Holland	94
22	(8)	00	EASILY LED 15 (Mark Two Partners) H Candy 8-0	C Rutter	86
23	(7)	36	ROARING BREEZE 14 (G Westgarth) Miss S Hall 8-0	Paul Burke	90

BETTING: 3-1 Room With A View, 5-1 Nimble Deer, 6-1 Nobby Barnes, 10-1 Fen Dance, 14-1 Sea Cloud, 16-1 Beam Me Up Scotty, Peerage Prince, 20-1 Penny Drops, Easily Led, Virginia Dancer, 25-1 others.

1990: MUNDAY DEAN 2-8-8 G Duffield (12-1) M Prescott 22 ran

4.00 FISKERTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427: 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

1	(8)	0-	GOLDVEIN 367 (B) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 9-0	D Nicholls	—
2	(2)	00	ONE DOLLAR MORE 32 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0	L Piggott	85
3	(16)	06052-0	PENANDO 265 (T Prew) E Wheeler 9-0	C Rutter	81
4	(7)	30060	SET UP 10 (N Pay) D Burchell 9-0	Dean McKeown	74
5	(10)	540023	SIR TASKER 8 (C Conway) J Harris 9-0	K Fallon	73
6	(9)	025206	ABLE PRINCESS 7 (B) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 8-9	J Marshall (7)	82
7	(1)	05	ALL THE JOLLY 26 (Mascalls Stud Ltd) P Makin 8-9	J Reid	80
8	(4)	040-500	BREAKFAST RIDE 14 (Mrs P Goulandris) D Laing 8-9	A Clark	69
9	(11)	0	BROOKSIDE ROSE 14 (P Spencer) R Woodhouse 8-9	Paul Burke	—
10	(14)	05002	DESERT DITTY 10 (H Lopes) R Hannon 8-9	R Perham (5)	● 99
11	(13)	00-0000	DEVA'S GEM 29 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-9	S Perks	—
12	(9)	000000	DRUMMER'S DREAM 25 (Mrs G Orbell) Mrs N Macauley 8-9	B Doyle (5)	61
13	(5)	2-	GRANBERA 330 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-9	D Holland	91
14	(17)	00	LIME STREET LIL 153 (V) (G Stenberg) J Balding 8-9	K Darley	60
15	(12)	342350	MISS BRIGHTSIDE 25 (A Grant) A Smith 8-9	S Webster	77
16	(3)	0	PRIMA AURORA 17 (Lord Crawshaw) Lord Huntingdon 8-9	B Raymond	—
17	(15)	6	REINA 17 (G Greenwood) J Bethell 8-9	R Hills	75

BETTING: 11-4 Desert Ditty, 7-2 Granbera, 7-1 Penando, 9-1 Able Princess, 12-1 All The Jolly, Miss Brightside, 14-1 Reina, Prima Aurora, 20-1 others.

1990: FAR FROM HOME 3-8-9 T Quinn (2-1) R Johnson Houghton 10 ran

4.30 EXTON PARK MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £3,125: 6f 15yd)

1	(7)	10	DANCING BOY 10 (D,F) (C Wacker III) Mrs J Cecil 9-2	S Cauthen	91
2	(2)	31244	ORTHORHOMBUS 43 (BF,F) (M Thornhill) G Lewis 9-2	Paul Eddery	● 99
3	(4)	634502	TENACITY 15 (B,F) (D Thompson) J Berry 9-2	J Carroll	88
4	(1)	221223	WAVE HILL 43 (D,G) (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 9-2	W Ryan	96
5	(6)		BARMBRACK (T Bell) R Whitaker 8-11	A Culhane	—
6	(5)		FIT ON TIME (Miss H Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	B Raymond	—
7	(3)		SCORTON (W Barker) Miss S Hall 8-11	N Connorton	—

BETTING: 9-4 Orthorhombus, 3-1 Wave Hill, 4-1 Fit On Time, 11-2 Dancing Boy, 10-1 Tenacity, 16-1 others.

1990: TUMBLE TWIST 2-9-0 A Shoults (10-1) B Hanbury 13 ran

5.00 BUNNY SPRINT HANDICAP (Fillies and mares: £2,994: 6f 15yd) (26 runners)

1	(24)	026500	MERRYHILL MAID 5 (V,D,F,G) (D Cahal) J Harris 3-10-0	J Carroll	91
2	(15)	003000	GABIBTI 32 (D,F,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 3-10-0	R Perham (5)	93
3	(5)	313004	MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 7 (S) (Miss Di Wheatley) M Channon 3-9-12	B Doyle (5)	94
4	(26)	040240	GOLDEN CAP 18 (F) (Guiting Stud Ltd) P Cole 3-9-12	Paul Eddery	93
5	(10)	0-26500	LITMORE DANCER 38 (Mrs D Shirley) J Bethell 3-9-11	R Hills	88
6	(13)	00-4310	MOSSY ROSE 53 (D,S) (S Sharp) Pat Mitchell 5-9-11	Ron Hillis (3)	97
7	(8)	321451	DOMINIE STAR 5 (D,F) (J Hunt) R Whitaker 3-9-11 (6ex)	A Culhane	90
8	(20)	10100-0	SILKS PRINCESS 26 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J McFadden) M Ryan 5-9-9	G Carter	84
9	(9)	504003	COME ON MY GIRL 7 (D,F) (K Sturgis) R Boss 3-9-7	W Ryan	96
10	(11)	503-030	HALLOWED GROUND 24 (G Hampton) C Wall 3-9-6	N Day	89
11	(14)	3432-00	THE MARSHALLS LADY 145 (Wroughton House Racing) C Wall 3-9-6	—	84
12	(17)	1310-00	MIMINING 4 (CD,G,S) (A Bride) G Moore 5-9-5	A McGlone	80
13	(3)	021D30	LAMBADA GIRL 10 (D,F) (Mrs M Gutkin) D Arbuthnot 3-9-4	J Reid	89
14	(19)	000D13	MISS KNIGHT 57 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Bastiman) R Bastiman 4-9-2	H Bastiman (7)	91
15	(25)	0-64105	LONG LANE LADY 82 (D,S) (M M Racing Ltd) J Mackie 5-9-1	—	86
16	(23)	0435	SALLY SAAD 35 (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 3-8-9	B Raymond	● 99
17	(21)	560000	DOMIANA 36 (C Buttery) M Blanshard 3-8-6	F Norton (5)	91
18	(12)	240560	PAR DE LUXE 8 (B) (D Ford) B Murray 4-8-6	Dean McKeown	95
19	(16)	334462	FOXES DIAMOND 5 (D Fox) J Hetherton 3-8-5	J Lowe	93
20	(1)	001024	CASTLE CARY 12 (G) (G Hopkins) J White 5-8-5	J Quinn	91
21	(22)	200000	SUPREME DESIRE 14 (T Peel) M Brittain 3-8-4	S Webster	—
22	(2)	050004	RED POPPY 8 (S Meacock) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-4	D Harrison (7)	93
23	(7)	300300	TIPPLING 10 (B) (Mrs L Court) P Burgoyne 4-8-2	C Rutter	96
24	(4)	0-00	PAMIANBE 25 (R Thomas) D Wilson 3-8-0	G Duffield	—
25	(18)	0-00	HARRY'S JOY 10 (A Newcombe) C Hill 3-7-8	—	—
26	(6)	005000	C'EST MOI 15 (C Dennis) D Chapman 3-7-8	S Wood	—

BETTING: 13-2 Foxes Diamond, 8-1 Dominie Star, 9-1 Golden Cap, 12-1 Come On My Girl, Merryhill Maid, 14-1 Sally Saad, Castle Cary, 16-1 Tippling, Misdemeanours Girl, 20-1 others.

1990: NAVARESQUE 5-8-3 A McGlone (10-1) R Hodges 23 ran

Seeking way to soften the blow in a hard game

In the wake of Michael Watson's tragic injury, Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, examines ways of making the sport safer

If boxing is to continue with public approval, which is essential for a sport that depends on big money from public broadcasting organisations that finance promoters, the British Boxing Board of Control must listen to suggestions for making the sport safer.

Since the hospitalisation of Michael Watson following his bout with Chris Eubank on Saturday, there have been calls from many quarters to make boxing safer: shorter rounds, longer rest period, closer medical supervision. The board should look at them closely.

Even though Professor Bryan Jennett, a professor of neurosurgery at Glasgow University, said yesterday that the type of injury suffered by Watson could result from the first or last blow of a contest and "there is no safety measure that could have prevented it," Peter Yarranton, chairman of the Sports Council, believes the boxing board had come a long way in recent years to try to eliminate this sort of danger.

Yarranton said: "Boxing is a super sport and gives youngsters in particular tremendous confidence in the art of self defence. Professional boxers know the risk they are taking and I don't believe it behoves anyone to step in and stop them."

Barry McGuigan, who is still haunted by the death of Young Ali, a Nigerian who died as a result of injuries sustained in a bout in 1982, made three excellent suggestions yesterday: longer rest periods between contests, more rest between rounds and a greater involvement of doctors during contests.

Speaking on *TV-am*, McGuigan said: "I suggest possibly that there is more time between fights. Chris Eubank has had a number of hard bouts in last 12 months. Maybe we could make the 60 seconds' rest between rounds 90 seconds. Also, if there is a particularly hard round, like the eleventh on Saturday, a doctor could go into the corner. He could say to the referee: 'I don't like the way this fellow is behaving and perhaps we should stop the fight'.

"Boxing by its nature is a dangerous activity, there is no perfect way of eliminating possible injury."

But perhaps because McGuigan was such a folk hero, and not too often on the receiving end, that he forgot three things: the instrument that causes the injury — the fist, taped and compacted into a 10 oz glove — defence and hype.

A blow from McGuigan is like being hit on the head with a baseball bat or falling on your head on your concrete stoop from a first floor window. Or as a neuro-surgeon, Dr Gareth Roberts said: "The violent punch produces an effect similar to a blancmange being whisked around in a wooden box. It scrambles the brains."

McGuigan: still haunted

In the final analysis, it is the blow that does the damage. There are few boxers in the world that carry a McGuigan punch. Even fewer can pull out a knockout punch after 12 rounds of exertion as McGuigan and the Welsh welterweight, Colin Jones, were capable of doing. Chris Eubank should not have been able to produce such a devastating uppercut as he did in the eleventh round of his bout with Watson.

Eubank should have been as exhausted after 11 rounds of furious contest as he was in their first encounter after 11 rounds of doing as little as possible. That was why Dennis Andries and Jeff Harding did not end up in hospital: they were too exhausted to do any serious damage.

The Eubank punch simply should never have happened, and indeed, would not have happened if Watson had been wary of a boxer getting to his feet. Nigel Benn, another middleweight, had shown how dangerous even a dazed man can be when he knocked out Anthony Logan with one despairing swing.

Eubank launched himself at Watson from a sitting position. Had he been given an eight count, the sequence of events might have been changed, and the impact of the next punch not so great. Watson, who had dominated the contest by putting pressure on Eubank, charged into the ascending fist.

A heavier glove, 12oz perhaps, even (horror of horrors) 14oz, could be tried. It would soften blows, put a premium on fitness and prevent boxers landing crippling blows at the end.

Punchers prefer smaller gloves as they are much more effective. For instance, they prefer Reyes gloves made in Mexico to British gloves because they fit snugly and can be closed into a harder fist. Even Duke McKenzie, who is not a heavy puncher, uses Mexican gloves to enable him to hit harder.

Defensive boxing is seen in Britain as the stuff of ninnies. This thinking is fostered by the media, which believes that a boxer without a knockout punch is not worth publicising. Without publicity, there is no drawing power and no money. No big money, no story. Whereas in the Seventies everybody wanted to be like Muhammad Ali and float like a butterfly, now young boxers want to jump in like Mike Tyson.

I have heard reporters say after watching a display of skilful boxing: "Yeah, but he couldn't break an egg," or, "He should have put him away earlier." No wonder the media have little time for the good boxers like Duke McKenzie and Colin McMillan. It was the media that brought about the downfall of Nigel Benn by encouraging his uncompromising macho behaviour.

The night he met Watson at Finsbury Park, he was so fired up by his destructive powers that he did not know what to do when confronted by an opponent with a high guard he could not get past.

Watson stayed behind his defensive wall and after Benn had punched himself out he emerged to knock out the Dark Destroyer with a jab. After that Benn went to the United States to learn how to box.

More emphasis should be placed on defence. Perhaps the board could encourage skilful boxing by giving extra points for good technique. Interest in good boxing might not be good for newspaper circulation, but it would endthe kind of disgraceful hype that has become a regular feature of press conferences. It not only brings the game into disrepute, takes the public for idiots, but also fires up hooligans, forcing boxers into positions from which they cannot retreat.

US players confident of regaining trophy

Torrance praises course for the 29th Ryder Cup

From Mitchell Platts, golf correspondent, at Kiawah Island, South Carolina

SAM Torrance yesterday described the Ocean Course, on which the Ryder Cup will start here on Friday, as the proverbial monster but the perfect venue for the 29th match between Europe and the United States.

Torrance was the first member of the European team, sponsored by Johnnie Walker, to play the course which officially opened for play in June. "I wouldn't want to play it with a pencil in my hand," he said. "I wouldn't want to keep a score.

"It's an incredibly tough course and there could be some horrendous scoring. If the wind blows hard as it did when I played on Sunday it will be brutal.

"It turned the last five holes into a monster finish. I needed a three wood at the 14th which is a par three. I played four balls all the way round and I didn't get up with one of them at the 468 yards 15th, despite using a driver and a three wood.

"The 16th, a par five, was innocuous but only when compared against the short 17th where I needed a one iron and the 438 yards 18th, where I got up with a driver followed by a three wood.

"I didn't know what to expect when I arrived. In fact I didn't think it would be so nice. It's fantastic and the greens are wonderful. But what you see is what you get. There is nothing hidden. You've got to be on the fairways and the second shots must be spot on.

"It's certainly not a seaside course. It will not suit any one player in particular. I would say it's the perfect venue for the match."

Torrance continued to reconnoitre the course prior to the arrival of the majority of the European team on the British Airways Concorde. Paul Broadhurst, who finished joint ninth, eight strokes behind Fred Couples, in his first US Tour event, the BC Open at Endicott, returned from New York, while Bernhard Langer came from Japan.

Lanny Wadkins, a veteran of six Ryder Cup matches, is convinced that the United States will regain the golden chalice which Europe has held since 1985.

He said: "We're here to win and we are going to win. I think the golf course is a big asset to us. The grass is consistent with that which we play on over here and the condition of the course will suit us. The course does not favour the Europeans."

Wadkins, like all the Americans, has at the request of Dave Stockton, the US captain, played the course several times to familiarise himself with all its idiosyncrasies. Stockton has stressed on more than one occasion that he believes it to be essential to have a sound understanding of the course.

A first look yesterday left the opinion that the course is in first class condition. Raymond Floyd, the US captain in 1989, is back in the team, courtesy of being selected by Stockton, and he praised the greens. "They are excellent," Floyd said. "My job will be learning to putt on them.

"I'm thrilled to be playing again. I think we have our best team since 1985 and I think we should be the overwhelming favourites to win because we have only three newcomers compared to the five that Europe have. I think our team is more mature and more experienced. And I think experience is paramount because there is so much more at stake.

"We are not talking about money. There is *no* winners' cheque. In fact I would pay to be in the Ryder Cup; I think any player would.

"What we are doing is representing our country and an American victory is very important to all of us. We badly want to win the Cup back. We have the Europeans in our arena; I'm ready to go and I'm confident."

Both Gallacher and Stockton will start in earnest today to blend together the right players for the opening foursomes and fourballs series.

Gallacher has already stated that Severiano Ballesteros and Jose-Maria Olázabal will resume their partnership, as will Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam.

Fred Couples, whom it is rumoured will play with Floyd, said: "I feel really comfortable about that possibility. To be paired with Jack Nicklaus or Lee Trevino is pretty nerve-racking. Ray Floyd makes you feel relaxed. Ray brings more Ryder Cup experience to this team than anybody and you can't buy that."

☐ Kent, Washington: Pat Bradley defeated Rosie Jones on the second extra hole here on Sunday night to gain her third victory of the year and become the first woman player to exceed $4 million in career earnings (AFP reports).

Bradley had an even-par 72 in her final trip around the 6,222-yard Meridian Valley Country Club course and tied for first place with Jones at 280, eight under par.

JOEL CHANT

Dual responsibility: Sally Jones combines her task as a mother with that of preparing for the world championships in Tasmania

A real challenge that starts with motherhood

By Sally Jones

CAN I combine bringing up my baby son, Roland, who was born at New Year, with a good run in the women's world real tennis championships which start at Hobart, Tasmania, tomorrow? There is the strongest international field ever assembled, but I hope that with the single-mindedness of Liz McColgan to motivate me and the coaching and encouragement of two professionals, Steve Brockenshaw and Mark Devine, I will be able to improve on my second place two years ago.

In the Australian Open last weekend, Penny Lumley (formerly Fellows), the world champion, showed just what an awesome competitor she has become. She took the title without the loss of a set and beat the rapidly-improving Alex Garside in the final. I lost the semi-final to Garside after failing to clinch set point in the second set.

The other losing semi-finalist was a Briton, Charlotte Cornwallis, aged 19, a junior hockey international, who demonstrated her advance by beating the Australian professional, Helen Mursell.

This has been a particularly busy year for me. Despite being back on court within two weeks of the birth of Roland, I felt slow, flabby and lethargic. As my television commitments increased and I began presenting the BBC series, *The Garden Party*, from Glasgow several days a week, it became harder still to fit in the necessary training, and I lost to Garside in the semi-final of the British Open after running out of steam in the third set.

However, McColgan's win in the 10,000 metres at the world athletics championships was proof of the adage that childbirth can improve a sportswoman's grit and stamina. I was spurred on, too, by two of my local professionals, Brockenshaw, of Moreton Morrell, and Devine, the hard-hitting Leamington assistant, and I began practising more seriously to build up fitness and add bite to a dogged but defensive floor-game.

After months without much obvious improvement, things suddenly started to come together. The stairs seemed less steep as I jogged up them two at a time, and long rallies no longer left me gasping and heaving. Best of all, I began winning more close matches. This month my handicap was reduced to 16, the same as Garside's, but still some way adrift of the world champion, Lumley, whose handicap (14 and dropping fast) is the lowest ever for a woman.

Lumley, who captured her first world title with a tense three-set victory against me in Philadelphia two years ago, remains the clear favourite this week. Garside has also improved with some impressive wins over higher ranked men.

She attributes much of her recent success to a stronger mental attitude fostered by work with a sport psychologist, Ian Maynard, who helped her overcome the volatile temperament that marred her outstanding strokeplay. "Up to a year or so ago, I'd often lose my concentration during close matches and go out to players I should, by rights, have beaten," Garside said, "but Ian has really helped me build up a more positive attitude.

"His approach is geared to helping you relax, even at crucial points and clear your mind so that you blot out the fact that there's a lot riding on the next rally.

"It's designed to stop your natural fears and anxieties interfering with your performance. He's also helped me with my speed and fitness. He's even made me think more about nutrition — less junk food and more carbohydrate, especially pasta before important competitions." The hard work began to pay off 18 months ago when Garside won the prestigious Conrad Construction world tournament, her first leading singles title; the boost to her self-confidence was almost visible. After moving from her job as a tournament organiser for the Lawn Tennis Association, she became a temporary secretary with plenty of time for practice.

The women's game is thriving, and Garside admits that the competition is increasing all the time. "We've now got three women all with the potential to get their handicaps down to single figures, and many more in the wings.

"I love the game because it demands the most subtle tactical approach of all racket games, so there's never a moment when you can switch your brain off and coast — you're always thinking about where to put that next shot. To me, it's the greatest game in the world."

BASEBALL

Pirates scupper rivals to keep NL East title

By Robert Kirley

THE Pittsburgh Pirates won their second consecutive National League East championship by beating the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 on Sunday. The Pirates, who have the best record in the major leagues, are the first to clinch their division.

On October 9, they will host the West champions in the opener of the league championship series, the winner of which will advance to the World Series. The hard-hitting Pirates are the first to retain the East title since the Phillies in 1977 and 1978. Pittsburgh's lead, 13-and-a-half games, is greater than the combined leads of the three other division leaders. Doug Drabek, who received the Cy Young Award as the leading pitcher in the league last year, won the decisive game.

In the National League West, Steve Avery put the **Atlanta Braves** in first place on Friday with a six-hitter that beat the **Los Angeles Dodgers** 3-0. On Saturday, the Dodgers regained first with a 2-1 victory. The change in leadership was the fifth in nine days. On Sunday, the Dodgers prevailed 3-0.

The **Cincinnati Reds**, who won the World Series last year, have been eliminated from the West race. No club has won successive Series since the **New York Yankees** in 1977 and 1978.

In the American League East, the **Toronto Blue Jays** are struggling to hold a slim lead over the **Boston Red Sox**. In the West, the **Oakland A's** are two games from elimination after winning three titles.

If the **California Angels** finish in last place in the West, they will become the first club to do so with three pitchers who have won 15 games or more. Jim Abbott, Chuck Finley and Mark Langston have each won 17.

The **Montreal Expos** have quit Olympic stadium for the remainder of the season because a 50-ton slab of concrete fell from the roof. Nobody was hurt. The team is on a never-ending road trip: 26 games in 28 days.

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YACHTING

Smith selects veterans for race in 1993

By Barry Pickthall

LAWRIE Smith, the round-the-world yachtsman, yesterday set out his blueprint for winning the next Whitbread race, starting from Southampton in September 1993.

The former Rothmans skipper has chosen Bruce Farr to design him a maxi ketch for the 34,000 mile classic and has selected a core team of Whitbread and America's Cup veterans, including mate, Kym Morton, navigator, Vincent Geake, and sailmaker, Russell Pickthall, to spearhead the challenge.

"With the last Rothmans campaign we had our work cut out to compete against yachts that were racing before our maxi was even built," Smith said yesterday. "This time the combination of good long-term preparation and the expertise of those involved gives us an edge which has been missing from previous British challenges."

The one ingredient still missing from the equation is the vital one of sponsorship. Smith said: "The budget for a winning boat and campaign is £7 million, spread over three years, so we need to team up with a multinational group looking to spread their message around the world. We want to start building in June next year, launch her in January 1993 and give ourselves seven months to work the boat and crew up into a winning combination."

CYCLING

Britons make Olympic case

BARCELONA — The 1992 Olympics here look a distinct possibility for a representative British road and track entry following the four-day grand prix series which ended here on Sunday (Peter Bryan writes). It now rests with the British Cycling Federation to make out a case to the British Olympic Association within the next two or three weeks.

The main doubt had been inclusion in the 4,000 metres team pursuit after Britain's untried quartet failed to qualify among the top eight at last month's world championships in Germany. But in the dress rehearsal here for 1992, England recalled their Commonwealth Games bronze medal winners, Chris Boardman, Simon Lillistone, Bryan Steel and Glen Sword, who responded with a national best time of 4min 19.161sec for the silver medal in the final behind Denmark.

The claim to send a sprinter is less likely to be successful with no rider a danger at international level and no junior likely to develop in time for the Games. There is a similar dearth of one kilometre time-trial riders; in Barcelona, Glen Sword's time of 1min 08.516sec on the fast 250 metres wooden track was fractionally slower than he recorded to win this year's national title.

On the road, the men have done enough for a Games place. Sunday's three finishers, Matthew Stephens (eighth), Dave Cook (16th) and Simeon Hempsall (24th), expect to race three times a week at top level.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Challenge
10.30 (second day)
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Victoria.

FOOTBALL

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Rumbelows League Cup
Second round, first leg

Blackpool v Barnsley ....
Bradford v West Ham........................
Brentford v Brighton (7.45)..................
Crewe v Newcastle.............................
Everton v Watford.............................
Hull v QPR......................................
Leyton Orient v Sheffield Wed (7.45).
Middlesbrough v Bournemouth.............
Oldham v Torquay.............................
Portsmouth v Oxford Utd (7.45)............
Port Vale v Notts County....................
Scarborough v Southampton................
Scunthorpe v Leeds (all ticket).............
Sunderland v Huddersfield (7.45).........
Wigan v Sheffield Utd........................
Wimbledon v Peterborough (8.00).........
Wolverhampton v Shrewsbury..............

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Gateshead......................
Farnborough v Redbridge Forest ....
Northwich v Barrow ....

Bob Lord Trophy
First round, second leg
(First-leg score in brackets)

Slough (2) v Bath (1)..........................

Skol Cup
Semi-final

Dunfermline v Airdrie (at Tynecastle)

FA TROPHY: First-round qualifying replays: Halesowen v Rhyl; Bedworth v Bromsgrove; Marine v Nuneaton Borough; Matlock V Worksop; Walton and Hersham v Erith and Belvedere, Abingdon Town v Margate; Dorchester v Trowbridge; Saltash v Weston super Mare. Northallerton v Workington.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v St Albans; Harrow v Carshalton; Sutton Utd v Enfield; Wokingham v Grays. First division: Barking v Boreham Wood; Chalfont St Peter v Hitchin; Leyton Wingate v Yeading; Maidenhead Utd v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division: Barton v Newbury; Egham v Malden Vale; Hemel Hempstead v Banstead Athletic; Hungerford v Witham; Leatherhead v Berkhamsted; Metropolitan Police v Worthing; Purfleet v Lewes; Saffron Walden v Southall. Third division: Bracknell v Tring; Chertsey v Collier Row; Clapton v Feltham and Hounslow B; Cove v Eastbourne; Hampton v Camberley; Petersfield v Flackwell Heath; Thame v Epsom and Ewell.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Frickley; Chorley v Bangor City; Gainsborough v Leek; Shepshed v Goole; Stalybridge v Southport; Whitley Bay v Morecambe. Postponed: Matlock v Mossley; Marine v Fleetwood. First division; Colwyn Bay v Knowsley; Harrogate v Eastwood Town; Irlam v Winsford; Warrington v Congleton.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Great Harwood v Darwen.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton v QPR (7.00).

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Easington Colliery v Billingham Synthonia; Gretna v Peterlee Newtown; Seaham Red Star v Whickham; West Auckland v Consett.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Maltby MW v North Shields; Ossett Albion v Glasshoughton Wel; Pontefract Col v Brigg.

TNT GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Glentoran v Bangor; Linfield v Glenavon; Portadown v Cliftonville.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cornwall v Devon (at Launceston, 7.00); Leicester v Northern Division (7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Newbridge v Berry Hill (7.15); Northampton v Moseley.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBC international bantamweight: Donnie Wood (Scotland) v Percy Commey (Ghana) (Glasgow). British super-middleweight: Slugger O'Toole (Sheffield) v Ian Strudwick (Hockley) (Basildon).

SNOOKER: Asian Open qualifying (Stoke).

YACHTING: Six Metre world championships (Torbay).

BASKETBALL

Sunderland's squad is woefully inadequate

By Nicholas Harling

SUNDERLAND, a team more accustomed to challenging for honours, must find their present plight particularly galling. They were humbled 100-36 by a modest Hemel Hempstead squad on Saturday, in what was a record victory for the home side and record defeat for the visitors, leaving Dave Elderkin, the Sunderland coach — and new owner — with a true appreciation of the colossal task he has on his hands.

The loss of last season's entire starting five as well as another England international in Steve Nelson, left Sunderland with six players of 17 years of age, including four who had never previously played in the National league.

Their baptisms, after only seven pre-season practices, clearly came several seasons too early. "You can't expect them to start performing at this level," Elderkin said. There was one spell of 16 minutes 24 seconds without a Sunderland field basket, during which time Hemel took the score from 14-14 to 49-16 at half-time, before two shots from Ken Nottage stopped the rot.

In the circumstances, Nottage's 15 points was a magnificent contribution but the first division's longest-serving player cannot be expected to carry the team indefinitely. "I am certain things will get better," he said, "but if they don't, I can not continue taking hidings like that. It is soul destroying."

Nottage and Colin Kirkham, a fireman, who was unable to travel, are the only regulars left from last season. The rest have gone because of the backlog of wages owed them, which, Elderkins promises, they will receive in due course. There should soon be enough money, Elderkin hopes, to bring in two foreign players, even if they are not American.

Roger Lloyd's virtuosity brought him 24 points for Hemel, but neither he nor his colleagues were at their best at **Worthing** the following afternoon, where Worthing won much as they pleased, 112-84.

Two of Sunderland's departed players distinguished themselves in their first league games for their new clubs. Saunders sank 17 points for **Kingston**, who gained a 104-64 victory over the promoted **Birmingham** squad, deprived of their two new Americans by a delay in work permits.

For **London Towers**, missing their Americans for the same reason, Peter Scantlebury collected 24 points, five more than his brother Richard, only for **Derby** to win 74-73 because Duhaney missed a free throw in the last second.

Manchester folded up at home, 97-83, against the other promoted team, Cheshire, while in the other game a late surge by **Thames Valley** took them to a 96-71 success at **Leicester**.

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Crewe pose danger for struggling Newcastle

Financial problems complicate cup task facing Ardiles

By Louise Taylor

NEWCASTLE United could be forgiven for regarding tonight's visit to Crewe Alexandra as a potential booby trap. With the North East club almost £5 million in debt, the boardroom in turmoil and the team 22nd in the second division after its worst start to a season, defeat to fourth division opposition in the Rumbelows Cup second-round, first-leg tie would put Osvaldo Ardiles, the manager, under immense pressure.

After United's 2-1 defeat at Millwall last Saturday, Ardiles said: "Of course there is strain. I need to buy new players but there is no money. I am basically working with the youth team."

Although Newcastle's football, based on Ardiles's beloved diamond formation, is undeniably attractive, they are suspect in defence, while Srnicek, the goalkeeper, has made a series of costly gaffes.

So far, the crowd has stayed supportive, but the local media are increasingly critical and Newcastle are unlikely to sustain attendances of 20,000 plus, their break-even figure. Bob Young, a director, said: "If gates go below 20,000 and the team stays in the bottom half of the division, we could be out of business by the end of the season. Barclays Bank is already seeking assurances."

Tomorrow night, United are to hold an emergency board meeting to discuss their financial plight, which has not been helped by the decision of Sir John Hall, the club's principal shareholder, to sell his three million shares.

George Forbes, the chairman, has come under intense criticism for his role in attempting to negotiate the sale of Hall's shares away from Tyneside to a consortium of Leicester-based businessmen. The decision to pay Ardiles £120,000 a year, in addition to buying him a house and car, has also been attacked.

Leyton Orient hope to subject **Sheffield Wednesday**, the holders, to some strain at Brisbane Road. Peter Eustace, team manager of the third division side, who spent "18 happy years" at Wednesday as player, coach and manager, said: "It is a very big match for Orient and a very special occasion for me personally."

In recent seasons, Orient have had cup wins over Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United and Oldham Athletic, and tonight represents a perfect opportunity for promising youngsters like Chris Bart-Williams, aged 17, who has been regularly watched by Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, this season, to prove they are capable of rising to the big occasion.

Their cause will be helped by the fact that Chris Woods, the Wednesday and England goalkeeper, faces a late fitness test after having five stiches in a head wound at the weekend, while Nigel Pearson, the captain and central defender, Roland Nilsson, the right back, and Paul Williams, the forward, are all doubtful.

Whatever the result against **Leeds United** at Glanford Park, Bill Green, the manager of fourth division **Scunthorpe United** and the former West Ham player, has reason to be grateful for the second-round draw.

"On the strength of the share of the gate we will get at Elland Road in the second leg, I was able to go out and buy David Hill, the Ipswich Town forward. This sort of match is a real bonus for us," he said.

Liverpool jolted by Barnes's bulletin

By Ian Ross

JOHN Barnes, the Liverpool forward, will take no further part in England's European championship qualifying campaign.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday that the Achilles tendon injury that had restricted Barnes to two senior appearances this season, was far more serious than at first thought. Barnes underwent corrective surgery on Friday and is unlikely to be playing again until the new year.

"The surgeon told me that the injury is worse than others of a similar nature that he has seen," Souness said. "The problem is quite serious and John will now be sidelined for twice as long as we had originally expected, at least 12 weeks." The injury was first diagnosed in August but surgery was delayed in the hope that rest and immobilisation would resolve the problem.

The absence of Barnes compounds Liverpool's problems. Seven senior professionals are out with injury and another may soon be going. Ronnie Rosenthal, the Israeli forward, has opened talks with St Etienne with a view to a proposed £1 million transfer to the French club.

The Aston Villa utility player, Stuart Gray, has joined Southampton for £200,000.

CRICKET

Victoria's bowlers command respect

By Richard Streeton

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 199 for five wickets against Victoria

THERE is every likelihood, it emerged yesterday, that this match between the English county champions and the winners of the Australian Sheffield Shield will become an annual fixture. It was an imaginative concept to arrange and one that deserved better luck with the weather than it received yesterday.

Britannic Assurance, the sponsors, who have spent £94,000 on Victoria's visit, see the fixture as providing an international climax to the championship programme and the English and Australian authorities both welcomed this year's game.

Another season the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) would not rule out inviting alternative opponents such as the Red Stripe Cup winners from West Indies or the Currie Cup winners from South Africa.

This could happen if it was not convenient for the Australian champions to make the visit. Next September, for instance, Australia could be engaged in a Test tour to Sri Lanka, which could leave the leading state teams below strength. Long term, more than one country's title-winners might visit England simultaneously to play a three or four-sided tournament with the county champions.

Until the TCCB, though, can persuade their counties to play a reduced programme, meaning an earlier finish to the championship, any overseas visitors will always risk meeting inhospitable autumn weather, as has happened this time. It was dank and gloomy and inevitably the crowd was sparse. Barely a hundred people paid for admission to join about 500 members and sponsors' guests also present.

Meanwhile, Victoria impressed with their tight bowling and fielding and John Stephenson and Nick Knight were the only Essex batsman to bat with very much confidence on a rain-shortened day. Gooch batted with almost studious care for 31 on the slow, previously-used pitch until he was caught down the leg side as he tried to glance. It left him 89 short of 2,000 runs for the season.

Prichard was soon beaten by O'Donnell's movement off the pitch but Stephenson always looked for runs and drove confidently. He hit ten fours and had also lifted a legside six against O'Donnell before he dragged a ball from Dodemaide into his stumps. Immediately after lunch, Dodemaide took a good return catch off balance, as he followed through, to dismiss Hussain.

A 95-minute hold-up for drizzle followed before the umpires rather unusually announced that play would resume at 3.09. It sounded a strangely precise time but full marks to Messrs Julian and Ken Palmer. Under the regulations for this game, their decision obviated the need to take tea straightaway. This would would have been the case otherwise, because there had been a "stoppage within half an hour of the interval", which was due at 3.40.

The rain had freshened the pitch but in poor light Knight and Lewis batted resolutely as they put on 56 until Lewis was bowled half-forward to Jackson, the left-arm spinner.

Jones went off after injuring a wrist in the slips as he attempted to take a hard, low chance off O'Donnell from Knight, who was then 49.

Before bad light brought the close two overs early, Knight reached a watchful 50 after 46 overs as he continued the impressive form he has shown since coming into the side early last month.

☐ Waqar Younis is the Cricketers' Association Player of the Year after taking 113 championship wickets for Surrey this season. Derbyshire fast bowler Dominic Cork (55 wickets) won the Young Player trophy.

☐ Pakistan will play five one-day internationals against India in October and November, resuming cricketing ties disrupted in January. The short series will follow the Champions Cup in Sharjah from October 17 to 25 and precede India's tour of Australia, which starts on November 15.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Berry b Fleming	31
J P Stephenson b Dodemaide	54
P J Prichard lbw b O'Donnell	2
N Hussain c and b Dodemaide	5
N V Knight not out	51
J J B Lewis b Jackson	25
†M A Garnham not out	18
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 4)	13
Total (5 wkts)	199

D R Pringle, N A Foster, J H Childs and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-80, 3-98, 4-103, 5-159.

VICTORIA: D J Ramshaw, W N Phillips, D M Jones, D S Lehmann, *S P O'Donnell, G R Parker, A I C Dodemaide, M G Hughes, †D S Berry, D W Fleming, P W Jackson.

Umpires: R Julian and K E Palmer.

In reflective mood: Merv Hughes studies the ball closely at Chelmsford yesterday

Yorkshire decide they can release Robinson

YORKSHIRE announced yesterday that they would accede to a request from Philip Robinson, aged 28, their middle-order batsman, to be released from his contract (Martin Searby writes).

Robinson scored 1,293 runs last summer at an average of 38.02 and his punchy, aggressive style has long been admired by other counties, including Derbyshire.

Stuart Fletcher, the Yorkshire seam bowler who was accused of cheating during a Roses match at Old Trafford four years ago, is having talks with Lancashire.

Fletcher, aged 27, who was not offered terms by his native county, is also having discussions with Durham. Yesterday Bob Bennett, the Lancashire chairman, said: "He is a gutsy, determined player who would fit in well here."

Fletcher was involved in controversy when as the last man he helped Richard Blakey deny Lancashire for 17.5 overs of a rain effected match. When Jack Simmons appealed for a bat-pad catch, Fletcher stood his ground and umpire David Evans turned down the appeal.

Simmons, who is standing for election to the Lancashire committee this winter, publicly accused the Yorkshire man of cheating and was later suspended and fined by the committee for his actions.

☐ It was confirmed yesterday that David Graveney is to leave Somerset after one season to captain Durham, the county championship newcomers. The Durham chief executive, Mike Gear, said: "His leadership qualities make him an ideal choice as captain for the difficult task of moulding together senior cricketers of proven ability and raw, young talent."

☐ Stuart Law and Tim Moody produced workmanlike innings to put Australia B in a strong position at the end of the second day of their final four-day match against Zimbabwe (AP reports). Law made 94 and Moody 85, including 24 off one over, as the Australians reached 286 for five in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings of 239.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Warning for the Olympic cheats

From John Goodbody
IN BERGEN, NORWAY

GRETE Waitz, the former world champion and nine-time winner of the New York marathon, yesterday warned competitors of the dangers of taking banned drugs and said that many medals at the Olympic Games and world championships had been won by "cheats" who had blood-doped.

Opening the third world conference on anti-doping, Waitz particularly expressed her concern about Erythropoeitin (EPO), the drug used as a substitute for blood-doping to improve stamina.

She said: "What is worrying me is that EPO is undetectable by current tests, which are not as complicated to use as blood-doping. It is my hope that the message about the great health risks involved will prevent athletes from using it."

She said blood-dopers were a small minority, but added: "There is no question that many medals at the Olympic Games and world championships have been received by cheats, athletes who have broken the rules and blood-doped."

EPO is a drug that artificially stimulates the bone marrow, so increasing the number of red corpuscles in a competitor's body. This is of benefit in events requiring endurance.

She said: "If we have reason to believe that the use of EPO will increase I will support blood testing after competition. I know that it is a problematic and controversial issue, but it will have a very good effect."

The IOC is examining implications of obliging competitors to give blood rather than just urine samples after events but recognises that there are problems on religious and ethical grounds.

However, Profession Manfred Donike, who runs the Cologne laboratory, said that a urine sample was not appropriate for testing for EPO and that taking a blood sample would be the "first step to counter this challenge".

IN BRIEF

Offer for Lytham

MEMBERS of Royal Lytham Golf Club have agreed to raise the £1.75 million needed to ensure the future of the course on the Lancashire coast. The move follows the announcement by Guardian Royal Exchange that the lease, which is up in 33 years' time, would be offered on the open market.

Each of the club's 1,000 members will initially pay a compulsory £500 towards buying the lease from GRE.

BADMINTON: British players picked up three of the five titles in the Canadian Open badminton championships. Steve Butler won the men's singles title by beating Andrei Antropov, of the Soviet Union, in a closely-fought final, 17-15, 15-12; Gillian Gowers was successful in the women's and mixed doubles, partnered respectively by Sara Sankey and Nick Ponting.

TENNIS: United States, the holders, will meet France in the Davis Cup final in November. Andre Agassi beat Carl-Uwe Steeb 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the deciding match of the semi-final against Germany in Kansas City.

ATHLETICS: Durham is to bid for the 1994 world cross country championships after beating Irvine, Wear (Sunderland) and Nottinghamshire for the British nomination.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Great Britain to help extend boundaries

GREAT Britain will play the second international match of next year's series against Australia at Melbourne, stronghold of Australian Rules football (Keith Macklin writes).

It had been intended to play the match in Brisbane, but following successful experiments with rugby league games in Melbourne, it has been decided that the first match will be played in Sydney on June 12, the second at Princes Park, Melbourne, on June 26, and the third in Brisbane on July 3.

A Rugby Football League (RFL) spokesman said: "This is a further step by Australia in widening the boundaries of rugby league."

A capacity crowd of around 32,000 is confidently expected, after a similar figure attended the Australia v New Zealand international match in Melbourne.

☐ Wigan have been asked by the RFL to explain their request to bring forward the time of their match against Leeds on November 3 from 6.15pm to 3pm "for safety reasons".

The League has a contract with BSkyB for the televising of live games at 6.15pm. Wigan's request would break the mould and has been opposed by other clubs who adhere to the time.

☐ Alex Murphy has accepted the vacant coaching position at Huddersfield, the third division club.

Murphy, who has signed a three-year contract, takes charge for Wednesday's Yorkshire Cup quarter-final tie with first division Wakefield Trinity.

REVISED ITINERARY: June 3: Queensland Country (Townsville, 7.30pm). 6: Canberra (Bruce Stadium, 7.30pm). 8: Illawarra (Wollongong, 3pm). 12: First international v Australia (Sydney Football Stadium, 8pm). 16: NSW Country (Parkes, 3pm). 19: Parramatta (Parramatta, 7.30pm). 23: Newcastle Knights (Newcastle, 7.30pm). 26: Second International (Princes Park, Melbourne, 8pm). 30: Gold Coast (Tweed Heads, 7.30pm). July 3: Third international (Lang Park, Brisbane, 8pm).

SNOOKER

Schedule has wrong effect on Wilkinson

A GRUELLING early-season schedule for the world's top eight players continued to take its toll as the concluding phase of qualifying for the £200,000 Asian Open began at Trentham Gardens, Stoke, yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Gary Wilkinson, the world No. 5, has been involved in World Series tournaments over the past five weeks in far-flung locations. Yesterday he was a surprising 5-3 fourth-round loser against Steve Campbell.

RESULTS: Fourth round: D Rowe (Eng) bt T Jones (Eng), 5-2; P Lines (Eng) bt S Newbury (Wales), 5-1; M Clark (Eng) bt M Smith (Eng), 5-1; S Francisco (SA) bt P Ebdon (Eng), 5-3; S Campbell (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng), 5-3; S Reardon (Eng) bt P Francisco (SA), 5-3; A Robidoux (Can) bt D Taylor (Eng), 5-4; C Roscoe (Wales) bt C Wilson (Wales), 5-4; E Charlton (Aus) bt M Evans (Eng), 5-1; A Knowles (Eng) bt S Lynskey (Eng), 5-3; D Fowler (Eng) bt B Oliver (Eng), 5-3; N Foulds (Eng) bt P Medati (Eng), 5-2; M Bennett (Wales) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng), 5-4; D Reynolds (Eng) bt K Payne (Eng), 5-4; D O'Kane (NZ) bt J Birch (Eng), 5-2.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Giants 1, Cleveland Browns 10; Washington Redskins 34, Cincinnati Bengals 27; New Orleans Saints 28, Minnesota Vikings 0; Atlanta Falcons 21, Los Angeles Raiders 17; Detroit Lions 33, Indianapolis Colts 24; Miami Dolphins 16, Green Bay Packers 13; New England Patriots 24, Houston Oilers 20; Philadelphia Eagles 23, Pittsburgh Steelers 14.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	4	0	0	127	95
Miami Dolphins	2	2	0	77	71
New England Patriots	2	2	0	46	67
New York Jets	1	2	0	49	58
Indianapolis Colts	0	4	0	37	82
Central division					
Houston Oilers	3	1	0	114	55
Pittsburgh Steelers	2	2	0	84	101
Cleveland Browns	2	2	0	58	52
Cincinnati Bengals	0	4	0	1	123
West division					
Denver Broncos	3	1	0	101	69
Kansas City Chiefs	2	2	0	51	50
Los Angeles Raiders	2	2	0	65	81
Seattle Seahawks	1	3	0	67	76
San Diego Chargers	0	4	0	63	100

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Washington Redskins	4	0	0	145	59
Philadelphia Eagles	3	1	0	77	43
New York Giants	2	2	0	69	63
Phoenix Cardinals	2	2	0	59	75
Dallas Cowboys	2	2	0	74	80
Central division					
Chicago Bears	3	0	0	51	43
Detroit Lions	3	1	0	73	98
Minnesota Vikings	2	2	0	43	69
Green Bay Packers	1	3	0	45	72
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	4	0	56	68
West division					
New Orleans Saints	4	0	0	94	41
San Francisco 49ers	2	2	0	89	57
Atlanta Falcons	2	2	0	58	61
Los Angeles Rams	1	3	0	50	88

☐ Does not include last night's game: NY Jets at Chicago.

FIXTURES: Week five: Sunday: Chicago at Buffalo; Green Bay at LA Rams; Indianapolis at Seattle; Kansas City at San Diego; Miami at NY Jets; New england at Phoenix; New Orleans at Atlanta; NY Giants at Dallas; San Francisco at LA Raiders; Tampa Bay at Detroit; Denver at Minnesota. Monday: Philadelphia at Washington.

AFRICAN GAMES

CAIRO: Swimming: Finals: Men: 400m individual medley: E Elshaley (Eg), 4:42.75 (African record). 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Egypt, 7:51.07 (African record). 100 butterfly: S Khalaf (Alg), 58.43sec. 400 individual medley: E el-Snaiel (Egypt), 4:42.75 (African record). 800 freestyle relay: 1, Egypt, 7:51.07 (African record). Women: 200m breaststroke: M Mohamedi (Alg), 2:43.29 (African record). 200 breaststroke: 1, M Mohamedy (Alg), 2:43.29. 200 freestyle: S Gharby (Tun), 2:07.88 (African record).

Athletic finals: 10,000m: T Oseno (Ken), 27min 58.44sec (Games record). Women: Discus: H Khaled (Egypt), 48.32m. Long jump: A Chioma (Nigeria), 6.67m.

Karate: Kumite: Individual: 60kg: K Gomaa (Egypt). 65kg: 1, R bin-Kadour (Alg).

Weightlifting: 60kg: Snatch: A Basbas (Alg), 115kg. Clean and jerk: Basbas, 150kg. Combined: Basbas, 265kg. 67.5kg: Snatch: Y Abdel-Moneim (Algeria), 135kg (African record). Clean and jerk: Abdel-Moneim, 165kg (African record). Combined: Abdel-Moneim, 300kg.

Cycling: Team Time Trial: Algeria, 2hr 2min 20sec.

Taekwondo: 54 kg: M Shelabi (Egypt). 70 kg: S Abdel-Ghaffar (Egypt).

BADMINTON

CANADIAN OPEN: Finals: Men's singles: S Butler (GB) bt A Antropov (USSR), 17-15, 15-12. Doubles: J and K Sidek (Mal) bt R Mainaki and R Subagja (Indo), 15-11, 15-12. Women's singles: E Rybkina (USSR) bt E Jung Shim (S Kor), 11-3, 11-4. Doubles: G Gowers and S Sankey (GB) bt Bok Seung Kang and Eun Jung Shim (S Kor), 12-15, 15-12, 17-15. Mixed doubles: G Gowers and N Ponting (GB) bt M Bengtsson and P Gunnar-Jonsson (Swe), 15-10, 15-17, 15-6.

CRICKET

HARARE: Four-day match: Zimbabwe 239; Australia B 286-5 (S Law 94, T Moody 85).

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chelsea 5, Portsmouth 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools British Gas Trophy: First round: West Bromwich 1, Nuneaton 4. London Gill Final: South London 1, North Kent 0. Northern Merit: Chester 4, Oldham 2; Leeds 0, Sefton 0. Welsh Shield: Kirkby Knowsley 1, Clwyd Coast 0.

GOLF

ENDICOTT, New York: BC Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 269: F Couples 65, 67, 68, 69. 272: P Jacobsen 68, 68, 68, 68. 273: B Faxon 65, 64, 71, 73; B McCallister 64, 68, 72, 69. 274: D Peoples 69, 70, 66, 69. 275: L Janzen 73, 68, 65, 69. 276: M Lye 70, 70, 70, 66; S Pate 68, 70, 68, 70. 277: J Haas 70, 70, 70, 67; G Triggs 71, 68, 69, 69; P Broadhurst (GB), 66, 69, 71, 71; M McCullough 70, 70, 66, 71.

SEATTLE, Washington: Safeco Women's Classic: Final scores: (US unless stated) 280: P Bradley, 69, 67, 72, 72; R Jones, 68, 72, 71, 69 (Bradley won play-off). 282: D Ammaccapane, 70, 72, 72, 68. 283: B Burton, 65, 76, 71, 71; D Mochrie, 73, 67, 72, 71; M Edge, 68, 69, 73, 73. 284: J Inkster, 74, 71, 73, 66; D Lasker, 70, 69, 72, 73; K Monaghan, 72, 71, 67, 74; J Dickinson, 73, 68, 68, 75. British: 297: P Johnson, 73, 74, 74, 76.

ALPHARETTA: PGA Seniors Nationwide Championship: Final scores: 212: M Hill 70, 71, 71. 213: T Shaw, 75, 69, 69. 215: D Weaver, 71, 73, 71; G Archer, 74, 73, 69. 216: J Albus, 70, 75, 71, G Gilbert, 76, 67, 73. 217: A Palmer, 71, 74, 72; J Colbert, 69, 75, 73; J Dent, 66, 76, 75; C Coody, 67, 72, 78; R Hendrickson, 72, 69, 76.

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional qualifying rounds: Cardiff GC: Winners: Rhayader Comprehensive, 239; 2, Cardiff HS, 246. 3, Barry Boys Comprehensive, 250. Bramall Park GC: Winners: Glossopdale Community College, 236. 2, Bury College, 244. 3, North Chadderton School 247. John O'Gaunt GC: Winners: Merchant Taylor's School, 240. 2 Vandyke Upper School 241; 3, Longsands Community College, 245. Lindrick GC: Winners: Spalding Grammer School, 250; 2, Wickersley Comprehensive, 253. 3, Armthorpe Comprehensive. 254

HOCKEY

SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Touche Ross Gordonians 1, Stirling 1, NMP Menzieshill 1, Grange 1; Western 2, Torbrex Wanderers 3; Inverleith 1, Kelburne 6, Hazlehead 0, Edinburgh Civil Service 5. Second division: Perthshire 1, Morgan Academy FP 1. Watsonians 1, Aberdeen GSFP 2. DW Clydesdale 2, ICI 0; Harris Academy FP 1, Sleepps 1. Women: First division: Sleepps 1, Dalziel High School FP 2; Hutchesons FP 2, Ayr 1, Grange 0, Kircaldy 2; Grove 3, Aberdeen Bon Accord 2, Hyndland 2, Boroughmuir 1, Royal High Gymnasts 4, Western A 0.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINE: River Plate 3, Gimnasia Esgrima 0; Argentinos Juniors 3, Boca Juniors 1; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Platense 1; Talleres 2, Quilmes 1; Estudiantes 1, Union 1; Independiente 0, Rosario Central 0; Newell's Old Boys 0, Racing Club 0; Huracán 1, Belgrano 1; Deportivo Mandiyu 0, Velez Sarsfield 0; Deportivo Español 1, Ferro Carril Oeste 0. Leading positions: 1, Talleres, played 4, 7pts; 2, River Plate, 3, 6; 3, Boca Juniors, 4, 5.

BELGIAN: Bruges 3, Lierse 0; Molenbeek 0, Standard Liège 5; Beveren 5, Antwerp 1; Ekeren 1, Kortrijk 2; Lokeren 1, Anderlecht 1; FC Liège 2, Aalst 2; Waregem 0, Ghent 4; Mechelen 2, Genk 2. Leading positions (after seven matches): 1, Anderlecht, 12pts; 2, Mechelen, 11; 3, Cercle Bruges, 9.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bray Wanderers 0, St Patrick's Athletic 1; Derry City 2, Athlone Town 0; Dundalk 3, Cork City 0; Galway Utd 4, Bohemians 4; Shamrock Rovers 2, Sligo Rovers 0; Shelbourne 1, Drogheda Utd 0.

BRAZILIAN: Rio de Janeiro League: Fluminense 1, Vasco da Gama 0; Campo Grande 1, Flamengo 1; Itaperuna 2, Portuguesa 0; Bangu 1, Volta Redonda 1; Americano 0, America/Tres Rios 0. Leading positions: 1, Fluminense, 17pts; 2, Flamengo, 15; 3, Botafogo 14. São Paulo League: Green group: Mogi Mirim 0, Palmeiras 2; Corinthians 1, America/São Paulo 1; Portuguesa/São Paulo 1, XV de Piracicaba 1; XV de Jau 1, Botafogo/São Paulo 2; Novorizontino 0, Santos 1; Ferroviaria 1, Bragantino 2; Ituano 2, Guarani 1. Leading positions: 1, Guarani, 19pts; 2, Santos, 19pts; 3, Corinthians, 18pts. Yellow group: São Paulo 2, Juventus 0; Ponte Preta 0, Santo Andre 0; São José 1, Rio Branco 0; Uniao São João 0, São Bento 2; Olimpia 1, Internacional/São Paulo 1; Saocarlense 1, Noroeste 1; Marilia 1, Catanduvense 1. Leading positions: 1, São Paulo, 27pts; 2, Saocarlense, 22; 3, Internacional, 20.

DUTCH: Vitesse Arnhem 2, Feyenoord 1, Den Haag 2, Groningen 2; Ajax 5, De Graafschap Doetinchem 1; Sparta Rotterdam 2, Utrecht 1; Twente Enschede 3, Fortuna Sittard 1. Leading positions: (after eight matches): 1, Vitesse Arnhem, 13pts; 2, FC Twente Enschede, 10; 3, Sparta Rotterdam, 10

FRENCH: Montpellier 3, Sochaux 2; Monaco 1, Nîmes 1; Nantes 2, Auxerre 0; Paris Saint-Germain 3, Metz 0; Marseilles 1, Lens 1; Lille 1, Rennes 1; Le Havre 2, St Etienne 1; Lyons 1, Toulon 1; Nancy 1, Toulouse 1; Cannes 2, Caen 0. Leading positions (after 10 matches): 1, Monaco, 19pts; 2, Marseilles, 17; 3, Paris Saint-Germain, 16.

GERMAN: Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 Cologne 2; Wattenscheid 1, VfL Bochum 2, SC Karlsruhe 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 5; Borussia Dortmund 2, Hamburg SV 2; Bayern Munich 3 Eintracht Frankfurt 3; Nuremberg 2, Stuttgarter Kickers 0; Werder Bremen 1, Hansa Rostock 0; Bayer Leverkusen 4, Dynamo Dresden 0; VfB Stuttgart 4, Kaiserslautern 1, MSV Duisburg 2, Schalke 04 0. Leading positions (after 10 games): 1, VfB Stuttgart, 14pts, 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 13; 3, Bayer Leverkusen, 13

HUNGARIAN: Videoton 2, Tatabanya 2, Zalaegerszeg 0, Ferencvaros 4, Vasas 1, Vac 1; Haladas 1, Siofok 0, Raba ETO 1 MTK-VM 0; Kispest Honved 2, Veszprem 0 Pecs MSC 1, Ujpest 0; BVSC-Mavtransped 2, Diosgyor 1. Leading positions: (after five matches) 1, Vac, 8pts; 2, Ferencvaros, 7; 3, Kispest Honved, 7.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Lazio 4, Atalanta 0, Juventus 0; Foggia 3, Cagliari 1, AC Milan 1, Fiorentina 1; Parma 1, Cremonese 1, AS Roma 0, Genoa 0; Sampdoria 4, Internazionale 0; Torino 0, Naples 0, Verona 2, Bari 1. Leading positions (after four matches): 1, Lazio, 6pts; 2, Juventus, 6, 3, AC Milan, 6.

TURKISH: Bakirkoyspor 1, Adanademirspor 1; Fenerbahce 3, Ankaragucu 0. Samsunspor 0, Sariyer 2; Galatasaray 2, Konyaspor 1, Altay 3, Genclerbirligi 2. Gaziantepspor 1, Besiktas 2, Aydinspor 2 Boluspor 1; Bursaspor 2, Trabzonspor 1 Leading positions (after four matches) 1, Besiktas, 10pts; 2, Galatasary, 10; 3, Fenerbacha, 9.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 0; Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1, 1st Montreal 6, Chicago 2 and 5-3; St Louis 2, New York 1, Houston 4, Cincinnati 1, San Diego 6, San Francisco 3.

East division				
*Pittsburgh Pirates	91	59	.607	—
St Louis Cardinals	77	72	.517	13½
New York Mets	72	77	.483	1½
Chicago Cubs	71	77	.480	19
Philadelphia Phillies	71	79	.473	20
Montreal Expos	66	82	.446	24
West division				
Los Angeles Dodgers	87	64	.576	—
Atlanta Braves	85	65	.567	1½
San Diego Padres	77	74	.510	10
Cincinnati Reds	71	79	.473	15½
San Francisco Giants	69	81	.460	17½
Houston Astros	61	89	.407	25½

* won division

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 7, Boston 5, Toronto 3, Oakland 2; Minnesota 9, Texas 4, California 4, Chicago 2, Cleveland 2, Baltimore 1; Milwaukee 9, Detroit 5; Kansas City 2, Seattle 1

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	83	67	.553	—
Boston Red Sox	81	68	.544	1½
Detroit Tigers	75	73	.507	7
Milwaukee Brewers	72	75	.490	9½
New York Yankees	63	85	.426	19
Baltimore Orioles	62	87	.416	20½
Cleveland Indians	51	96	.347	30½
West division				
Minnesota Twins	90	60	.600	—
Chicago White Sox	82	68	.547	8
Oakland Athletics	78	71	.523	11½
Texas Rangers	77	71	.520	12
Kansas City Royals	76	73	.510	13½
Seattle Mariners	76	73	.510	13½
California Angels	75	74	.503	14½

ORIENTEERING

DIEST, Belgium: Six-nations junior international: H19 9.8km: 1, T Mathis (Switz), 52min 22sec. British: 3, B McIntyre (GB), 53.27. H17 8.1km: 1, D Coupat (Fr), 43.05, 2, A Dutton (GB), 44.16. D19 8.8km: 1, A Xylander (Ger), 56.53. British: 4, Z Wilkinson, 61.47. D17 7km: 1, B Brunger (Switz), 50.51. British: 7, H Hargreaves, 55.59. Relays: Men 3 x 8.4km: 1, Switzerland I, 1-39-20. 2, Germany I, 1-40-00; 3, Britain II, 1-41-00. Women: 3 x 5.8km: 1, Germany I, 1hr 22min 40sec; 2, Switzerland I, 1:26.48; 3, Germany II, 1.33.12. 6, Britain II, 1:35.12.

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTH: Australian Rally: Leading positions (after fourth day): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta Integrale, 5hr 2min 5sec. 2, K Eriksson (Swe), Mitsubishi Galant, 5:03.14. 3, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, 5:06.56. 4, M Alen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, 5:09.51. 5, T Salonen (Fin), Mitsubishi Galant, 5.12.08; 6, R Millen (NZ), Mazda 323, 5.16.15. 7, R Dunkerton (Aus), Mitsubishi Galant, 5.16.22. 8, J Recalde (Arg), Lancia Delta Integrale, 5.20.41. 9, N Bates (Aus), Toyota Celica, 5:30.14. 10, E Ordynski (Aus), Mitsubishi Galant, 5:40.07

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Oldham 84, Workington 12. Second division West: Barrow 78, Chorley 0; Whitehaven 10, Keighley 7; Second division East: Dewsbury 18, Scarborough 12; Hemel Hempstead 15, Ryedale 30.

OPENCAST BRITISH AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Askam 16, Dudley Hill 2; Egremont 10, Leigh Miners 19; Leigh East 13, Millom 13; Mayfield 0, Wigan St Pats 4; Saddleworth 32, Heworth 18; Woolston 16, Barrow Island 30.

YORKSHIRE COMPETITION: Preliminary round: Doncaster 4, Castleford 40.

RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY: Batley 6, Warrington 30; Castleford 25, Hull KR 12; Leeds 51, Widnes 8; St Helens 80, Wakefield 8, Wigan 72, Hull 10.

SNOOKER

STIRLING: Regal Ladies Masters: Final: L Horsburgh (Blackpool) bt A Fisher (Hadlow), 4-2.

KIRKCALDY: Rothman's Scottish Championship: Final: J McNellan bt M Maguire, 6-3.

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier League: St Neots 2, Yugo Cars 8; Team Paniel 8, Bath 1

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group: United States beat Germany, 3-2 (US names first): A Agassi bt M Stich, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4, J Courier bt C-U Steeb, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. S Davis and D Pate lost to M Stich and E Jelen, 6-7, 4-6, 4-6, J Courier lost to M Stich, 4-6, 5-7, 4-6; A Agassi bt C-U Steeb, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 (in Kansas City: United States to meet France in final in Lyons). Play-offs: Canada bt Cuba, 3-2 (in Havana); Sweden bt Philippines, 5-0 (in Manila); Switzerland bt New Zealand, 5-0 (in Baden). Belgium bt Israel, 4-1 (in Brussels); Brazil bt India, 4-1 (in São Paulo). The Netherlands bt Mexico, 5-0 (Mexico City), Chile bt Colombia, 3-1 (Medellin, Colombia).

BRISBANE: Queensland Open: S Matsuoka (Japan) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; J Crabb (US) bt L Wahlgren (Swe), 6-1, 6-1, J Cook (Aus) bt N Borwick (Aus), 2-6, 6-2; G Pozzi (It) bt S Stolle (Aus), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 7-5, 6-3; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J Tarango (US), 6-3, 7-6.

YACHTING

LONG BEACH, California: Women's world championships: 470 Class (first race): 1, K Farrar (US), 0.0 points; 2, M Quarra (It), 3.0; 3, L Moskalenko (USSR), 5.7; 4, J Swenson (US), 8.0; 5, JJ Isler (US), 10.0; 6, A Bacchega (It). Europe Class (first race): 1, M Gurvin (Nor), 0.0; 2, T Moberg (Nor), 3.0; 3, A Bogatec (It), 5.7; 4, J Troman (US), 8.0; 5, A Chauvin (Fr), 10.0; 6, M van Leuwen (Neth), 11.7. Boardsailing (standing after two races): 1, N Le Lievre (France), 5.7; 2, P Way (Britain), 8.0; 3, J Fenner (US), 13.0; 4, H Elmer (Den), 20.0; 5, D De Vries (Neth), 24.0; 6, B Kendall (NZ), 25.7.

POOLS FORECAST

DRAWS are not always neatly spaced out on the coupon. Like buses, they often turn up in groups of three, four or even more — something which should be taken into account when looking at this week's matches.

The second and third divisions are rich in draw potential with Blackburn v Tranmere (match No. 12), Bristol City v Portsmouth (13) and Grimsby v Ipswich (14), leading the way. In the third division, Stoke v Stockport (26), Swansea v Peterborough (27) and Torquay v Chester (28) are just as tempting.

Liverpool are no longer the home banker selection they used to be. Aston Villa forced a draw at Anfield the Saturday before last and an in-form Sheffield Wednesday can do the same. Nottingham Forest, up one week, down the next, are one of only 12 English and Scottish League clubs not to have drawn this season but that sequence may end against West Ham, who are equally unpredictable.

Brentford, of the third division, are also draw-shy but that could change when they play host to Bolton, who have already finished all-square on four occasions.

Saturday September 28 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

2 Chelsea v Everton
2 Coventry v A Villa
1 C Palace v QPR
X Liverpool v Sheff Wed
2 Luton v Notts Co
1 Man City v Oldham
1 Norwich v Leeds
X Nottm F v West Ham
1 Sheff Utd v Wimbledon
2 South'pton v Arsenal

Not on coupons: Tottenham v Manchester United

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Millwall
X Blackburn v Tranmere
X Bristol C v Portsmouth
X Grimsby v Ipswich
1 Middlesbro v Sunderland
2 Newcastle v Derby
1 Oxford v Plymouth
X Southend v Wolves
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AWAYS: Notts County, Arsenal, Derby, Huddersfield, Walsall.

HOMES: Manchester City, Norwich, Sheffield United, Barnsley, Middlesbrough, Exeter, West Brom, Hereford, Rochdale, Merthyr Tydfil, Clydebank, Arbroath.

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☐ Vince Wright

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FA's last obstacle is removed by clubs

Premier League to commence from next season

By Peter Ball

THE Football Association Premier League will start next season. At yesterday's Football League extraordinary general meeting, the clubs voted to move regulation 11, the last obstacle preventing the first-division clubs from breaking away.

So the 103-year history of the Football League as the premier league in England — its supporters would say in the world — will end in May. It will continue, but as a truncated and weakened version acting as a feeder league to an all-powerful premier division.

Yesterday, the clubs agreed to accept the inevitable and £3 million a year for five years, £2 million from the Football Association and £1 million from the premier clubs, as the price of their acquiescence. Only nine second division diehards voted for continuing an increasingly unequal struggle against more powerful and much better-led forces.

"The clubs voted 51½ to 9 to take out regulation 11, the rule requiring three years notice of resignation," Arthur Sandford, the League's official receiver and chief executive reported. The vote means that the League will now apply for sanction from the FA and withdraw from court action.

For the big clubs, dreams of untold riches lie ahead. A new TV contract is hoped to bring in around £25 million a year. Negotiations are already starting for major sponsorships when the Barclays contract expires at the end of next season.

Negotiations with the FA over the allocation of power within the new structure could still prove testing however. "The hard work starts now," Rick Parry, the FA's consultant and chairman of the first division clubs said yesterday.

"It is a momentous day for football," David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, who has been one of the main protagonists for the premier league, said. Dein's day was subsequently made by the signing of Ian Wright, but neither Dein nor Parry could explain why it was a momentous step.

"The fans will see very few differences next season," Parry said. The first division will have 22 clubs, with three-up and three-down, and the Premier League clubs will continue to enter the Rumbelows Cup. *Plus ca change*? "We have got a new management structure for the game which will be more responsive," Parry added. "To have everyone having an equal say with one vote per club is a major step."

There are suggestions that the new league might employ a strong chief executive on the lines of a commissioner in American professional sport. Parry would be an obvious candidate.

He certainly played a major part in deciding yesterday's outcome, cleverly exploiting the league's divisions and lack of leadership. It was a telling comment that last week's negotiations were conducted between Parry, whose company are paid by the FA, and the league team led by Leslie Kew, an FA counsellor, while the elected representatives of the Football League and their paid officials were excluded from negotiations.

It still required some last-minute negotiations yesterday before the deal was finalised. Perhaps, predictably, the muscle of a group of first division clubs led by Crystal Palace and Oldham was needed to gain improvements in the terms offered to the remaining Football League clubs. They persuaded the FA to tie their offer of £2 million to the retail price index and insisted that promoted clubs would have five years to bring their grounds up to the Premier League's requirements.

Even that did not entirely satisfy Ron Noades, the iconoclast of Selhurst Park. Noades muttered darkly that there could be no question of cutting back to 20 clubs until there were more places available for English clubs in Europe, and left before the vote was taken, presumably to oversee the sale of Wright to Arsenal for a figure greater than the FA's annual commitment to the lower divisions.

"It's the usual cock-up," Bill Fox, the president of the league said as he left the meeting. "What's going to happen to the 72 clubs now? Half the clubs are in financial trouble already. We've heard stories in the past about clubs going to the wall, and now it'll be a reality."

But Trevor Phillips, the league commercial director said: "It was the best decision for football in all the circumstances."

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Wright to Arsenal for £2.5 million

By Louise Taylor

IAN Wright completed a record £2.5 million transfer from Crystal Palace to Arsenal last night. The acquisition of the England international forward represents the most expensive signing made by George Graham, the Arsenal manager, since he took charge at Highbury in May 1986, almost doubling the £1.3 million invested in David Seaman, the former Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper.

Palace had offered Wright, who will be 28 in November, a lucrative new contract, but Ron Noades, their chairman, said: "Ian was hankering for a move. He wanted to play in Europe and Arsenal was the club he wanted to join."

Noades confirmed that Palace had made an offer for a replacement forward yesterday, and Steve Coppell, the manager, is known to have regularly watched Dion Dublin, of Cambridge United, this season.

Coppell said he was "very disappointed" to lose Wright. "I am sad that he felt we could not match his ambitions."

Coppell and Noades refuted suggestions that the departure of Wright was precipitated by allegedly racist comments made by Noades during a recent television documentary on black players.

Wright's greatest moment came against Manchester United in the 1990 FA Cup final when, having just recovered from a broken leg, he stepped off the substitutes' bench to score twice.

He was back at Wembley last February to make his England debut against Cameroon, but has since struggled to retain his place.

Although Wright has scored five times in eight appearances this season, a guaranteed first team place at Highbury is far from a formality.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said: "Wright will not necessarily go straight into the team. I have six forwards challenging for places and in Smith, Merson and Wright I have arguably got three of the top men in England.

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Getting into the swing: Sam Torrance gets his first look at the Kiawah Island course in South Carolina, venue for the Ryder Cup, which begins on Friday. Nine of Torrance's colleagues in the European team flew out on Concorde from Heathrow yesterday, while Paul Broadhurst and Bernhard Langer will join them today after competing in weekend tournaments. The perfect venue, page 38

Bruno offered a title bout

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

EVEN if British boxing was in turmoil yesterday after the brain operations on Michael Watson, it was business as usual in the Lennox Lewis camp. The British and European heavyweight champion made a £2 million offer to Frank Bruno to meet him, the money being shared equally between them.

Roger Levitt, Lewis's commercial manager, said. "We want the people to choose the people's champion. There is no animosity betwen Frank Bruno and Lennox Lewis but we are prepared to offer a purse of £2 million split equally for Frank to fight Lennox at his earliest convenience."

Lewis said: "Frank Bruno needs me. I'm the British and European champion. The people will not respect him if he avoids me. He kept the public in suspense such a long time as to whether he was going to come back to boxing.

"He even fooled the public by going into pantomime. I don't think he should come back because of his eye injury, but now he is back he must have his reasons."

Mickey Duff, Bruno's promoter, said: "I will examine the offer and Levitt will be hearing from me when Bruno is ready."

Watson was said to be still in a critical condition, with his mother, Joanne, at his bedside, but Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, did not feel it was an inappropriate moment to talk business.

He said that Lewis and his management felt desperately concerned about Watson. "But we are in a business," Maloney said. "If we had cancelled today's conference, we would have been admitting that boxing has a problem. No one holds a gun to a boxer's head about fighting. We are going to keep the hype down."

Gary Mason, who lost his British and European titles to Lewis, was angered by the insensitivity of Lewis's approach. "The last thing you want to be talking about at this moment is another big fight — we should just be praying for Michael," he said.

Even though Mason had a second eye operation after his defeat by Lewis, he said there was no reason to ban boxing. "Life has to go on — and boxing is part of life. All these politicians and people from the British Medical Association jumping up and down and saying boxing should be banned make me angry.

"If you want to ban boxing, you should ban Nigel Mansell from driving in grands prix and every other sport where there is an element of danger.

"But, of course, motor racing is a rich man's sport. Thousands of boxers come from poor backgrounds — there's three million unemployed out there — and you cannot cut off boxing as an escape route for them."

☐ The American bantamweight, Fernie Morales, remained unconscious yesterday, his condition unchanged, after undergoing surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain following his defeat by the IBF bantamweight champion, Orlando Canizales, in California on Saturday.

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Business as usual in the gyms

By Peter Bills

THE sweat still flew from soaked brows and the boxing hopefuls of tomorrow still bobbed and weaved like limbo dancers at two of the sport's renowned London gymnasiums yesterday.

As the stricken Michael Watson clung to life in a London hospital, boxing put up the "business as usual" signs. It is always that way in such times; the sport's defence mechanism against outside criticism of its inhuman nature long since deemed such action mandatory.

You knew something had happened as soon as you put your head around the door of the famed Thomas à Becket gym, in the Old Kent Road. Instead of half a dozen fighters working out in steamy conditions, a production girl in crushed pink suit from Sky TV hovered, anxious to get anyone who knew a southpaw from a right hook in front of the cameras.

The seasoned eye of the veteran promoter, Mike Barrett, had seen it all before. Barrett, slightly creased working suit, collar and tie incongurous amid the sweat-stained training tops, talked of boxing's mood as one of sadness. But there was a weariness in his voice.

"We've heard it all before. Whenever something like this happens, it makes headlines. But guys become boxers because it is one way of getting out of a no-hope situation facing them in life. It's a way of becoming somebody."

And of being killed? Barrett refocused on his questioner from behind firmly-placed glasses. "If a rugby player breaks his neck you see two lines in the paper. And as for Members of Parliament putting their oar in, all they're doing is looking for votes. It's a pity they don't scream just as loudly about drugs and tobacco abuse. They're just smart-alecs."

Barrett and his trainer at the Beckett, Arthur Urry, a veteran of 35 years' experience, were unanimous in their rejection of one aid for boxers, head guards. Impaired vision when a boxer wears a head guard would mean he would be unsighted when some punches were thrown, Barrett said. The trainer, sleeves rolled up to reveal faded tattoos, said: "The idea of banning the sport is even more absurd.

"If they *did* it would just go underground. Then the damage done to people would be appalling."

You can choose whichever analogy you prefer. At the Becket, they likened it to the car driver carrying on his way past a multiple accident pile-up. Nor does the world stop flying when an aeroplane crashes. Indeed, there was a brisk, business-like manner at London's gyms yesterday similar to that at an airport in the immediate aftermath of a crash.

It was the same story across town, above the Royal Oak pub in Canning Town. Frank Bruno, embarked upon a widely-debated comeback, leaned on a rope and shook his head. "What can you say? Everyone is jumping on the bandwagon. I've got nothing to add to it all."

S Africa's hopes improve

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

UNDETERRED by opposition which Pakistan have already stated, and West Indies have implied, South Africa are still intent on making their return to international cricket in the World Cup next spring.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the new United Cricket Board of South Africa, said yesterday that he could see "no obstacles" to his country's participation. His confidence may have been raised after a meeting with Nelson Mandela, at which the president of the African National Congress approved the World Cup plan.

Bacher has been working with the ANC for the past year, and it is only through their involvement that South Africa's readmission to the cricket circuit was so smoothly expedited. But, given his previous insistence that nothing would be done to divide the International Cricket Conference, Bacher's positive stance is puzzling.

The World Cup committee gave South Africa until the end of September to make their application. After that, logistical complications could become too heavy. Yesterday, however, Bacher requested an extension of the deadline until October 31, in order that all member countries could first give their opinion.

The host countries, Australia and New Zealand, are in favour and Pakistan's board has already voted against. This weekend's meeting of the West Indies Board of Control could resolve the issue. They may be swayed by the favourable views of their former captain, Clive Lloyd, on his return from South Africa.

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Mishap in the pits could cost Mansell dearly

From Norman Howell
in Estoril

WORLD championships can be won and lost in the pit lane and nowhere was that more certain than at the Portuguese grand prix here on Sunday. Ayrton Senna spent five seconds changing tyres on his way to second place and six points towards retaining his title: Nigel Mansell drove in leading the race but a mishap cost him a wheel, a disqualification and virtually any chance of overtaking Senna in the championship.

The pit stop in modern Formula One motor racing started in 1982 at the British grand prix, when Brabham brought their cars in for fuel and tyres halfway through the race at Brands Hatch. The fuel element of the stop was banned in 1984 for safety reasons but tyre changes have become an integral part of race strategy. Because of this, much planning, practice and attention has gone into these stops.

The personnel involved are a team within a team. There are three mechanics on each wheel, two to take off and replace the tyres and one with an air gun for the wheel nut. Two men operate jacks front and rear to raise the car and the rear jack has to be in the hands of the more powerful as he is raising engine and driver in one movement. There is an extra mechanic who cleans the driver's visor or performs another task that can be completed in a short space of time. All are co-ordinated by the 'lollipop man', usually a senior member of the team, who stands at the front of the car with the "brakes on" sign to the driver.

It is he who gives the order for the car to be lowered off the jacks and allows the driver to accelerate away.

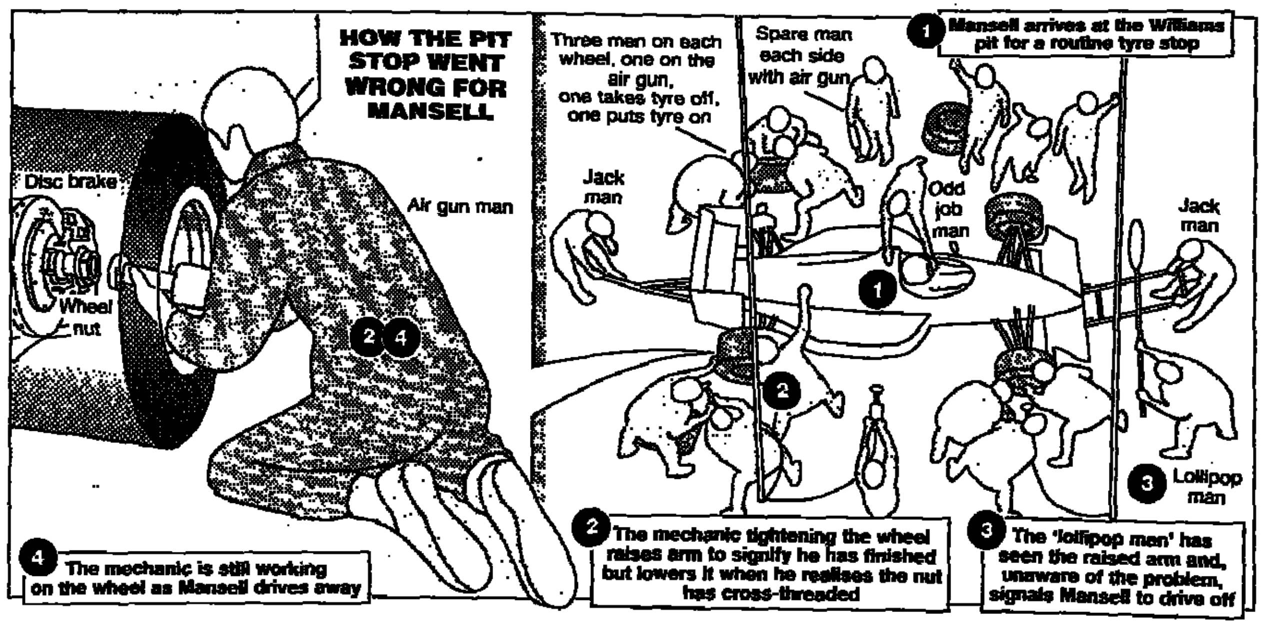
The pressure on the mechanics for a rapid change is great. The time the teams aim for is five seconds. McLaren had Senna out in 5.04sec here but the Ferrari mechanics are acknowledged to be the fastest. A film of the Williams' performance on Sunday would not make palatable viewing.

The 'lollipop man', who at Williams is Peter Winsdor, the team manager, was misled by the mechanic on the right rear wheel who signified he had finished by raising his arm but then lowered it because the wheel nut had cross-threaded. It was the subsequent decision to fit a new tyre while in the accelerating lane of the pits, an area forbidden to mechanics, that brought the black flag.

The rules are clear in this instance. Either Williams knew this and gambled or they did not know. Perhaps the fact that Frank Williams, the team owner, was not on the pit wall did not help.

Things look different from his position inside the pits. The situation could have been saved by either pushing the car back to the Williams pit or even forwards and sideways out of the designated acceleration lane, where the wheel could have been legally replaced. But nobody took the decision.

It may well have cost Mansell and Williams the 1991 championship.



HOW THE PIT STOP WENT WRONG FOR MANSELL

Disc brake
Wheel nut
Air gun man
2 4
Three men on each wheel, one on the air gun, one takes tyre off, one puts tyre on
Spare man each side with air gun
Jack man
Odd job man
Jack man
Lollipop man
1
2
3

① Mansell arrives at the Williams pit for a routine tyre stop

② The mechanic tightening the wheel raises arm to signify he has finished but lowers it when he realises the nut has cross-threaded

③ The 'lollipop man' has seen the raised arm and, unaware of the problem, signals Mansell to drive off

④ The mechanic is still working on the wheel as Mansell drives away

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